DARWIN AREA CONNECTORS REPORT 2024-2025



In July 2024 I had the honour to organize with the precious help of Amrita a two-day Dances of Universal Peace event in Darwin. It has been held at the beautiful Lakeside Community Garden,





where it also served the purpose of promoting the

no profit activities of environmental sustainability of it.

The event has been diluted in two days: one for families and the other one for adults.

We had the pleasure to integrate in the event two workshops run by Lia, a mixed aboriginal

woman who holds profound plant knowledge: the first one on how to make bamboo dream catchers targeted for families, the second one on "Seed saving and propagation" for adults.

We shared dances, nourishing afternoon teas and lovely chats. We had Susan





coming from SA, Heidi coming from Queensland and a few

more people from Darwin and from the Garden. It was the first time anything like that has been organized up here and I am still reflecting on which one may be the best way to introduce DUP to the local communities.



Furthermore, I have been practising quite regularly

with my guitars and voice; zooming with Amrita for mentorship and Sufi practice and completed with her the "God is Breath" course.



In January I joined a residential retreat weekend in SA, "The elements of Mastery", offered by Amrita, where I had the opportunity to deepen my practice, musicianship and connections with the lovely people who attended.



In May I visited SA again, where and Susan, we organized a day of

with Amrita
Dances of

Universal Peace, stories and Yoga for children at Jamileh's place. It ended up beautifully.

Looking ahead, there may be an opportunity to organize a second DUP event here in Darwin with the lovely Sue Lennox (I met her at this last annual DUP retreat), in September, when she will come to the NT to visit her daughter.

I also would love to develop more opportunities to study and introduce DUP to children and schools, in particular at the Steiner school here in Darwin.

It's such a blessing to be part of this journey,

Happy dances and projects to all of you!

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