Do We Know What We Are Doing? Reflections on Learning, Knowledge, Economics, Community and Sustainability

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The discourse of education for sustainability has been severely limited by the fact that it largely refuses to acknowledge important insights from other fields of learning and knowledge. This reluctance to engage with central insights regarding how the world and, more specifically, how human interactions with both the human and non-human world work, ensures that it has remained a largely self-centred discourse. It is tangled up with reflections on education without contextualising them in the real world. As such, it is not just education in general, but also so-called “education for sustainable development” (ESD), that needs to perform a radical paradigm shift and become communal learning in real-time in a real place.

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