

Categories

Note: the first few categories also include examples. Feel free to use these for inspiration

Government initiatives:

If governments want our continued respect, they should put the needs of the most needy before the desires of the richest in our economy and consider continuing versions of many of the emergency measures. Isn't it time to start talking about a **guaranteed liveable/basic income**? The arts in Germany, for e.g., got tremendous covid support funds, showing their value to society.

Be the Change:

i.e. things I did that I'd like to continue, and model for others

Pretty basic, but I listened to public health authorities, and stayed inside except for grocery shopping. I trusted the call for distancing.

Business and Finance:

What a shocker to find banks and grocery stores, etc. that I deal with actually emailing me with their ideas about how to help their customers get through this. Banks lowering interest rates, making arrangements for payment lapses, etc. **Why can't they always care about us like that?** I'd like to see **investor and shareholder actions that require banks and other businesses to agree to a profit limit**, so they can afford to really take care of their customers all the time.

Workplace:

This crisis provides evidence to many businesses regarding what work can effectively be done by **employees working from home**. They've even made the arrangements (in crisis mode) for communications, work tools, etc. Those arrangements could be made even more effective with more time to plan, to allow this to continue in whole / part. I hope more workplaces consider this option. Seeing parents having time to play with their kids outside now, even for an hour before dinner, makes me wish I'd had that time. Instead I had to commute (GHG-heavy auto travel for part of the time) and work long hours, some of it ridiculous face-time that the CEO demanded, so I came home exhausted and stressed.

I hope corporate workplaces realize the **disadvantages of open workspaces and cubicle-lands** which, besides being germ-sharing spaces, require people to ignore each other even when in eye-sight, which is ultimately not a "team building" environment. Ironically, covid19 has been teaching us to actually feel present with and empathize with people who we **have to** physically avoid.

Arts Community:

I love the ways artists are doing "Living room" performances on social platforms and hope they continue this. TOLive actually introduced me to performers many of whom happen to live in or near my neighbourhood!

Health and Wellness:

I love the way many teachers have continued exercise and dance classes on line, through Zoom or other channels. I could do more of these! While there are always videos online, the voice of a live teacher, and knowledge that others are participating, makes it a different and rewarding experience.

Compassion for caregivers, teachers and essential personnel:

Trying to reach out to my aged mother-in-law, has been frustratingly futile. The LTC home – which is well-run and caring – can't spare staff to do this, while under incredible pressures to keep everyone safe. I know Nana doesn't understand why no one is visiting or calling, which only makes her a more difficult and depressed person to take care of. So sad for everyone. But I do understand now, even more than ever, what incredible care these front-line staff are providing.

Vulnerable community members:

The impacts on vulnerable community members. The COVID crisis has shone a light on many of our society's shortcomings. How do we address these in a meaningful way?

Energy Savings:**Waste reduction-4r's:****Home heating efficiency:****Indigenous Communities:****Emergency Preparedness:****Community Building:****Conscious Consumption:****Food:**