Untangling the Threads of the Past

History and Context for Rites of Passage Today

All of the work we do exists within context. When we cultivate rituals for young people to step out of childhood, as well as when we seek to restore lost or buried traditions of initiation into adulthood, our efforts exist in a web of place, power and culture. Our efforts can challenge oppressive power structures, or unwittingly reinforce them.

Rites of passage facilitate not just personal growth and development, but societal and cultural transformation. Untangling the Threads of the Past is an introductory body-based encounter with what ceremony and ritual make possible. Together we will explore the dynamics of power and privilege, investigate the causes, consequences and complexities of cultural appropriation, and engage in ceremonial practices designed to recover connection with our ancestors.

This program is for parents, mentors, teachers, social workers, therapists, others that work with young people, community organizers, or really anyone who is drawn to supporting healthy young people today.

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