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Regenerative Venture and Founder Support Programme

Cohort 1 (2026–27)

An initiative of the GROW global community.

Programme Overview

The GROW Incubator is a new regenerative venture incubator that helps researchers, innovators, and entrepreneurs transform scientific knowledge into mission-driven organisations addressing shared societal challenges.

As part of GROW's mission to Make Science Matter, the incubator combines Science with Purpose, Entrepreneurship with Impact, and Partnerships for Change.

Based in The Hague, it connects universities, governments, investors, civil society, and international partners to develop people, ventures, and ecosystems that contribute to resilient, inclusive, and thriving societies.

Get in touch with the team

Format: In-person in The Hague

Duration: 6 months . bi-weekly sessions

Cost: €30

Apply by: Visit our website

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About the Programme

GROW Incubator is our six-month programme for founders who are building solutions that matter for the Majority World.

This journey is designed to give you practical experience and understanding of how to create, run and innovate a regenerative, purpose-driven business, and find the intrapreneurial courage to make a change, lead regenerative impact with responsibility and care, while challenging extractive innovation– all in a blended learning environment.

Learn principles of impact entrepreneurship, build and test your idea with practical tools and workshops, get to exchange with peers, mentors, and community, and learn ways to improve your regenerative leadership know-how.

Programme Takeaways:

- **A solid plan** - a practical roadmap for building a viable, purpose-driven venture rooted in your context and the change you want to create.

- **A compelling pitch**
- **A clear and authentic story** that communicates your purpose, value and impact.
- **A stronger network**

- **Connections** with peers, mentors, experts and the wider GROW community to support your journey beyond the programme.
- **Greater confidence**

- **The knowledge, practical tools and regenerative leadership capabilities** to navigate complexity, build resilience and pursue impact on your own terms.

Programme Journey

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MONTH 1
Root into your purpose and values, and understand more about why regenerative ventures matter.

Topics:
- Values & Purpose
- Wellbeing & Mindset
- Regeneration & Systems
- Introduction to Co-Working

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MONTH 2
Understand who you are creating impact and value for, with, and alongside, and map your customers, and stakeholders.

Topics:
- Context & Place
- Systems Thinking
- Ecosystem Mapping
- Customers, Stakeholders, Partners & Friends
- Minimal Viable Community

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MONTH 3
Learn how to form your impact into a viable, valuable regenerative venture.

Topics:
- Business Model
- Resources & Operations

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MONTH 4
Learn how to turn your impact into a viable, valuable regenerative venture.

Topics:
- Marketing & Sales
- Finance, Legal, Frameworks

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MONTH 5
Craft a compelling message and share your mission by expressing your impact well.

Topics:
- Communication
- Storytelling
- Visibility & Advocacy

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MONTH 6
Become aware of regenerative leadership and how to embody it.

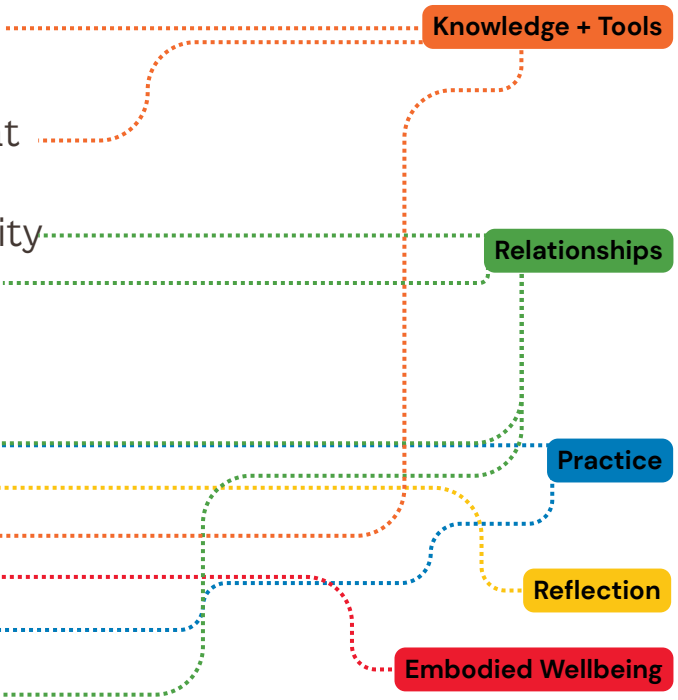
Topics:
- Regenerative Leadership
- Collective Wellbeing
- Sustaining Impact

What you can expect

Over six months, you'll receive practical support, expert guidance, and a community of fellow founders committed to creating meaningful impact.

The programme includes:

- A six-month founder support programme with practical tools and frameworks.
- A full in-person training day in The Hague every other week (with at least one founder from your team attending)
- Monthly online check-ins for questions, feedback, and accountability
- Peer-to-peer learning, mutual mentoring and community support
- Self-paced online courses
- Access to all live We Are Changemakers sessions, including:
- Changemakers Coffee
- Progress Sessions
- Skills Sessions
- Future Sessions
- Demos, Demos, Demos!!!
- Discounted access to The Hague Humanity Hub co-working space



6-month overview

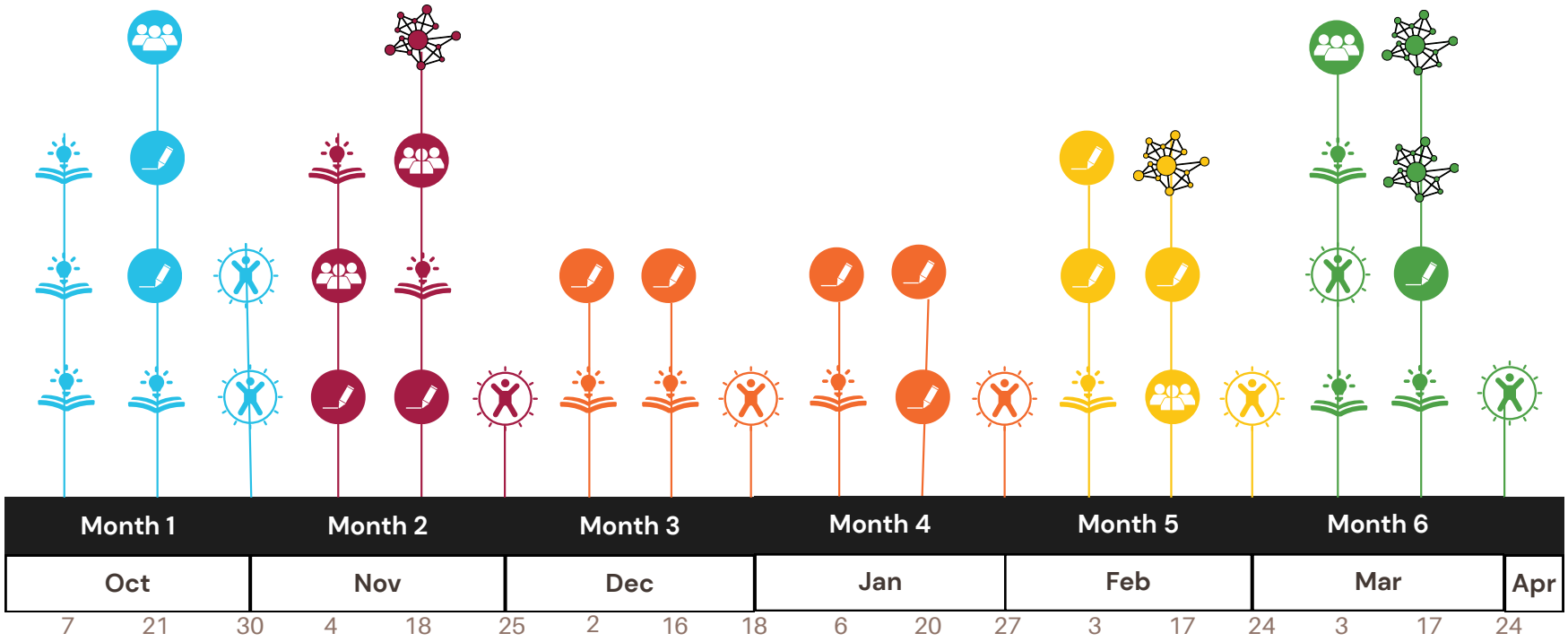
Workshops .
Learning material .
Expert talks .

Activities & exercises .
Experimentation .
Coaching .

Mutual mentoring .
Peer support .
Co-creation .
Community .

Shared reflection
Collective unlearning
Collective sense-making
Nature connection

Site Visits .
Immersions .
Community events .
Check-ins .
Embodied practices .



What we're looking for

Solo founders or teams who are committed to building regenerative purpose-led ventures.

Commitment to the We are Changemakers manifesto.

75% attendance of the programme & proactive learning- including workshops, applying tools, activities and peer learning.

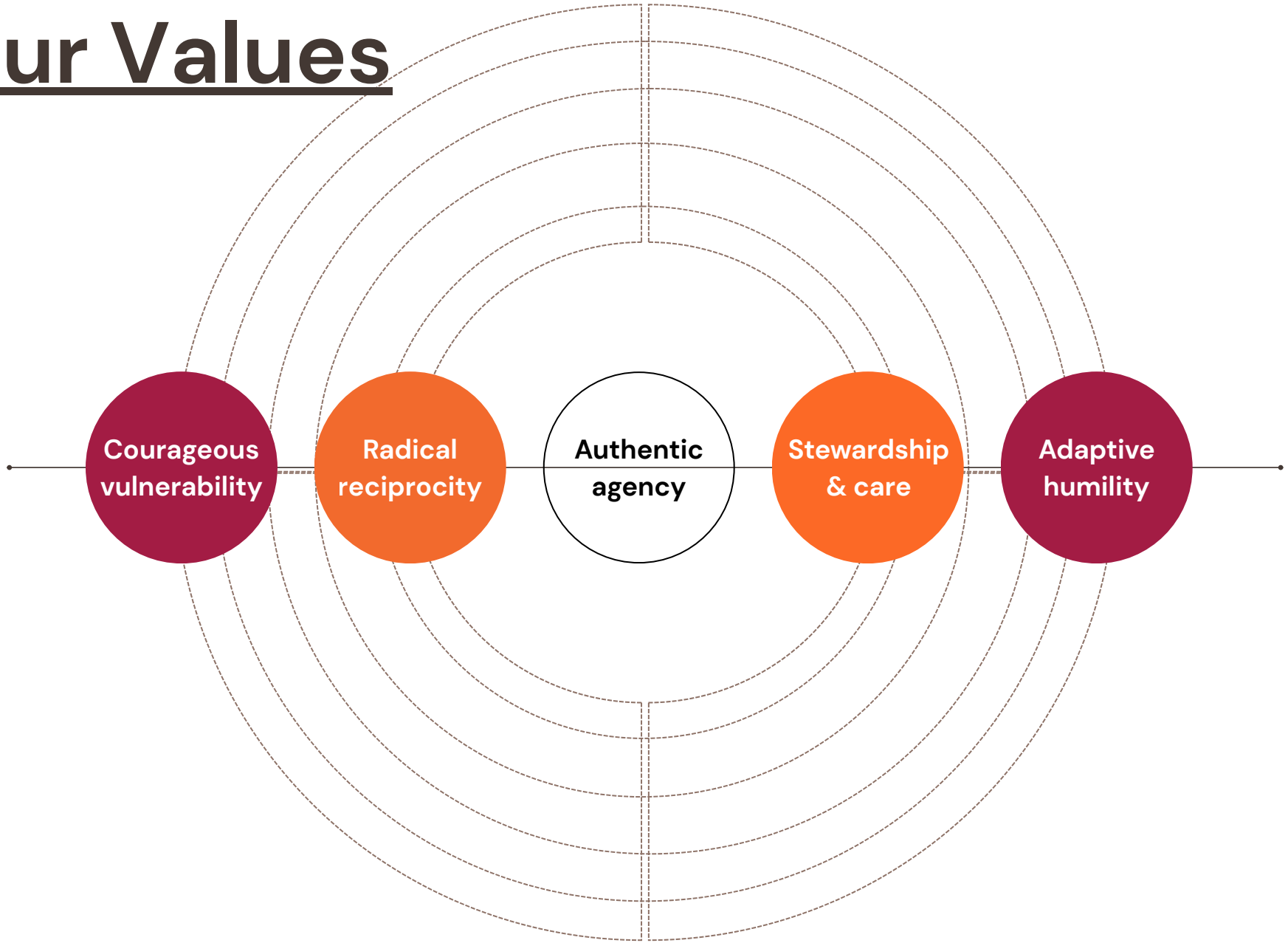
Commitment to and embodiment of the values of the GROW Incubator.

Impact Solutions - you have an idea, or early-stage venture that delivers impact for the Majority World and is research-backed.

Key Dates:

- **Deadline for Application -** 7 September 2026
- **Selection and Onboarding -** 25 September 2026
- **Start of Programme in The Hague -** 7 October 2026
- **Close of Programme in The Hague -** 24 March 2027
- **Community Event in Elspeet -** 18-20 April 2027

Our Values


Courageous vulnerability
Radical reciprocity
Authentic agency
Stewardship & care
Adaptive humility

Cost

Thanks to the generous support of LDE Global and Leiden University – Spui Campus, the programme is heavily subsidised. The participation fee is just €30 per founder per month.

Next Steps

We hope you'll join us!

- If you're interested, apply through our website: Apply now
- If you have any questions, we'd love to hear from you: grow-incubator@tudelft.nl

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An initiative of the GROW global community.

GROW is embedded in these Dutch Universities via the Dutch Research Agenda from the Dutch Research Council (NWO-NWA):

GROW Incubator is enabled by:

Make Science Matter . **Entrepreneurship for Impact .** Partnerships for Change