



## Economics, Globalization and Ecology

The forces at play in the process of globalization make it imperative that the Social Artist become highly aware of the shadows as well as the advantages of the global economy. While uniting the world as a vast economic unity there is much in the global economy that is unsustainable because of its negative effects that are playing havoc on employees, families, communities, traditional business, agriculture and the ecosystem. This is where the learner discovers ways of becoming pioneers in creating new grassroots awareness that build networks of locally rooted businesses, bringing local awareness to those products that are both socially and environmentally healthy; help in the restoration of forests and watersheds; help maintain and further public transportation, advancing organic agriculture, promote holistic health and alternative therapies; become knowledgeable of ways to direct investments to socially responsible businesses; orchestrate campaigns that recycle materials and wastes recycling campaigns, and speak out for trade agreements protect the rights of people and the environment. With regard to our natural resources, it is of the greatest importance that our learners become proficient in understanding a range of ecological issues. We now know that sustainability, the idea that we must not diminish natural systems beyond their capability to replenish at comparable levels is simply the midpoint between destruction and restoration. To restore the Earth wherever they are, the learners should be required as part of this course to learn the mysteries of renewal from nature itself, engaging in successful programs that have proved the powers of restoration.