

vartaLeap is not just a loving community, it is a learning community. Over the past few months, the new vartaLabs that were started have spent a considerable amount of time delving deeper into the issues they are trying to address. Here's a sneak peak into what they have been learning...

## Pulse\_the Nature Lab

Members (#14) Anjani Grover, Aruna Pandey, Deepjyoti Sonu Brahma, Imrana, Mahima, Nitin Das, Partha Protim Bordoloi, Rajesh Meher, Ramnarayan Syag, Ranjan, Rita Banerji, Saloni Goel, Subi TS



**Conversation around Food:** Practicing nature conscious eating and purchasing habit

**Dialogue on Waste:** Practicing consciousness about waste creation and management

**Dialogue on Energy:** Practicing consciousness on energy consumption in our personal and professional spaces

## Livelihoods & Entrepreneurship

Members (#16): Aadya Singh, Abhishek, Augustine, Chaki Shahid Hamid, Gajendra, Kavita Anand, Kunal Naik, Mohd Zeeshan, Nageshwar Panchal, Piyali Sarkar, Pradeep Ghosh, Rahul, Rehana Qureshi, Renita Gonsalves, Ritika Khunnah, Saloni Goel, Tanuj, Vijay Bharatiya



To better understand the experience of working with youth in the context of livelihoods, we held learning conversations led by our members. Interactions with **Kunal and Zinnat from Antarang Foundation** and **Zeeshan from Yeh Ek Soch Foundation** led us to insights on designing innovations that can cut across contexts and diversities.

Members (#8): Amlan Jyoti Chaudhuri, Jenpu Rongmei, Meenu Venkateswaran, Naman Goel, Navendu Mishra, Ritesh Gohiya, Vivek Kumar, Waqar Qazi, Waseem Iqbal

The group hosted learning sessions with **Sunil Ivane working with Tribal leadership** in Madhya Pradesh and **Satyendra Kumar working with Yuva Shakti** in Bihar & Uttar Pradesh and **Biren Bhuta from Disom Leadership programme**. The conversations were around the real time challenges of Identity politics and transitioning to inclusion politics as well as challenges of youth in political leadership.



## Youth Leadership in Governance

**Special Mention:** Open Learning Space by *Bonding & Learning Group*

**1** Love, sex aur dhokha, betrayed boys and gender in relationships among youth  
- Manak Matiyani, The YP Foundation



**2** Miss-led?: Demistifying feminine leadership  
- Kejal Savla, Blue Ribbon Movement



**3** Involvement of Youth in Politics  
- Navendu Mishra, Agrini



**4** Youth led Collective Spaces  
- Assam Collective



Members (#11): Deepjyoti, Vivek Kumar, Ashok Krishnan, Sonal Roshan, Ishani Sen, Rajesh Singh, Durba Ghose, Kanika Sinha, Ariba Naim, Akshit Jain, Wasima

The intention of Open spaces is to build connections between members through engaging in deep dialogue on issues which are pertinent. 55+ people participated in the 4 sessions facilitated by the members of the coalition.

## How can you engage

- Join our dialogue on **Walking the Thin Line as a youth worker** at the Catalysing Change Week on Friday, May 13 at 2 PM.
- Join these vartaLabs and be a part of the upcoming learning spaces