

# Dr. Linda Vakunta

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DEPUTY MAYOR,  
CITY OF MADISON



Leadership to me is walking and working with people in a way that encourages all to be their best self and to bring their humanity to the work.

~Dr. Linda Vakunta



Leadership for Me



Inclusive/collaborative



Appreciate/Encourage



Self / community care



Respectful



Do the work/ Get your hands dirty



Communicate

# The Journey



Grad-  
Project 1808.  
Taking the  
leap of faith.



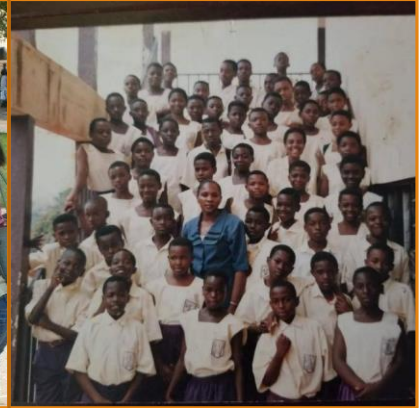
Grad- USAID  
learning from  
experience.



Under/Grad-  
People  
Program



Undergrad-  
leading while  
finding your  
way.



Middle school  
- doing what  
needs to be  
done.

# The Journey



Grad- Global health



Grad- Evaluation



Post-Doc: Social Transformations to End Exploitation and Trafficking for Sex (STREETS)/ **PROJECT RESPECT**

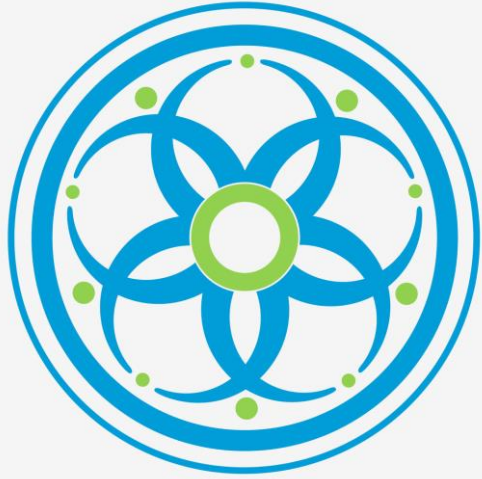


Prof- Ebola research/ response



Prof- Heartland Alliance International

# The Journey



Prof-  
Sustaining  
Natural Circles



Prof-  
Service Facilitator



Deputy Mayor,  
City of Madison



Radio Show Host



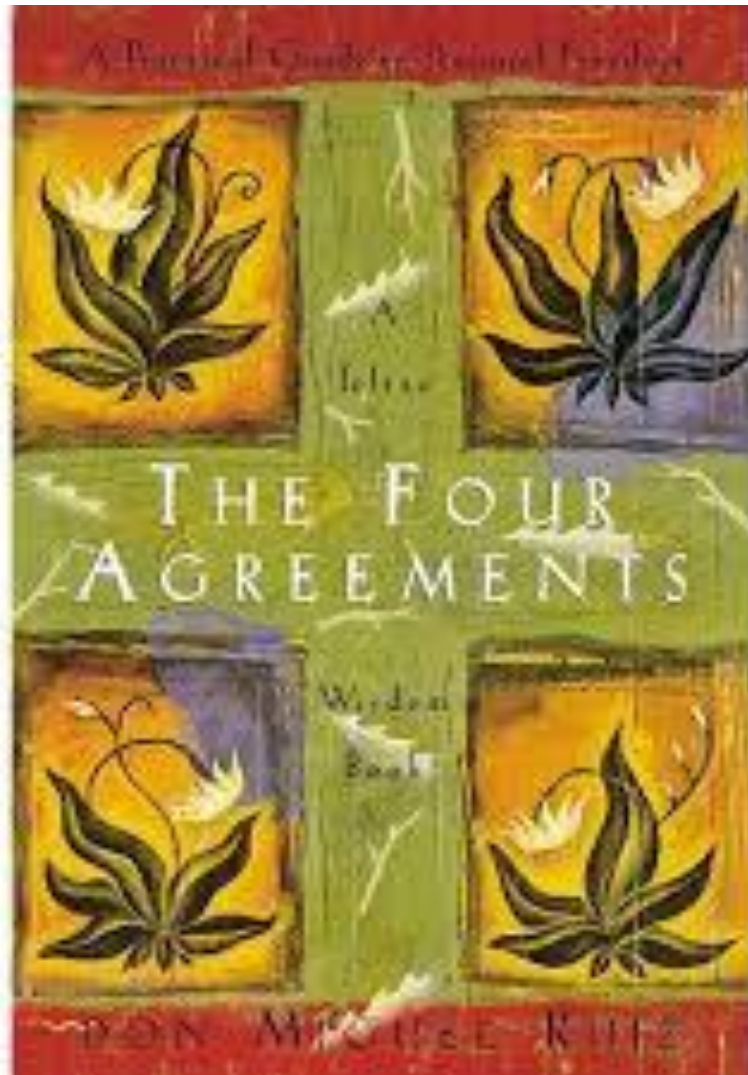
# Take Away-

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- ❖ Have Fun- make yourself a joy to work with.
- ❖ Treat those you work with as full humans (Professional/ personal overlaps).
- ❖ Be humble: take and accept responsibility .
- ❖ Pursue things that bring you joy, or find joys in what you are pursuing\*
- ❖ Work hard and when things get tough, pause, evaluate, modify and keep going.
- ❖ Take some risks.
- ❖ Speak on your own work.



# Take Away- What am Nurturing



## THE FOUR AGREEMENTS

**1** BE IMPECCABLE  
WITH YOUR WORD

**2** DON'T TAKE ANY-  
THING PERSONALLY

**3** DON'T MAKE  
ASSUMPTIONS

**4** ALWAYS DO  
YOUR BEST



Thank you  
Be Well

