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Marianne is the Founding Director of the Stone Soup Leadership Institute and the author of educational series *Stone Soup for the World: Life-Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes* and education curriculum. The Institute's unique model is impacting young people in island, rural and urban communities to change their lives & their world. This model is the foundation for the Institute's eight youth-community leadership initiatives on seven islands in three countries (Hawaii, Martha's Vineyard, Virgin Gorda, BVI, Vieques, Puerto Rico) and U.S. inner cities of Holyoke, Oakland, Baltimore, Cincinnati. Building on Dr. King's "Each One Teach One, youth leaders become Emerging Leaders and then Faculty inspiring new initiatives and fostering collaborations around the world.

Marianne is a life-long learner whose who designed her undergraduate degree at the University of Massachusetts School of Education with progressive educator Dean Dwight Allen and the Rudolf Steiner International Training Center in Aberdeen, Scotland. She received her MBA in Organizational Development at Boston University. Marianne's management/leadership development experience encompasses a range - from corporate executives with Wilson Learning Management Systems to lifestyle coach, professional mentor to young and emerging leaders.

Marianne trained numerous millennials to become Project Coordinators in youth-community initiatives. These millennials inspired her to develop the TouchStone Leaders Platform to connect them, reinforcing their combined strength to build a humane, sustainable world. Grounded in the Institute's Education Curriculum, empowered by its innovative training and technologically connected, this Community catalyzes projects and start-up social entrepreneurs with major impact. For its 20th Anniversary, The Institute is launching the TouchStone Leaders Platform to scale our work globally. The Institute's Facilitator Certificate Program will train millennials to catalyze innovative partnerships, collaborative action to address local-global challenges. A curious student of Design Thinking, Marianne embraces its principles into the Platform prototype.

With deep New England roots, Marianne lived in the Bay Area during her corporate consulting career where she developed national corporate social responsibility initiatives and public-private partnerships in education and economic development. A world traveler, Marianne has visited 45 islands, living on islands for over 20 years. Working intimately with the next generation of leaders gives her hope for our collective future.