



# The Art of Participatory Leadership: Building Resilient Community and Creating Change

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Petaluma Community Center  
Petaluma, CA

The Art of Participatory Leadership is an intensive 3-day event where you will experience and practice a set of simple yet powerful processes for building community, facilitating powerful conversations, building strong partnerships and leading change. Come explore how to unleash our collective genius and build adaptive and leader-full communities.

We invite those engaged and committed to the many aspects of resilience to come together from Transition Towns, sustainability initiatives, local economy, permaculture communities, sustainable business, local food, healthy families, and more.

Our hope is to create powerful ways to learn together, build effective teams and partnerships that help us work better in our own communities, as well as invite others to build resilient communities. There's an incredible amount of work going on in many different networks. We are thrilled to bring these powerful networks together..

Our intention is to work together to build capacity for the next evolution of work in the North Bay, San Francisco Bay Area, and Northern California. We also invite passionate friends from other areas who want to learn with us and create transformative change.

Rooted in the Four Fold practice of the Art of Hosting, this event teaches a participative approach for leading, convening, and engaging groups. The practice begins with being present and hosting one's self, from there we participate in learning conversations, hosting and convening conversations, and co-creating (initiatives, change, teams, etc).

## Who Should Attend?

**Individuals and teams** who are eager to build stronger teams and partnerships with each other and within their communities. People who are dedicated to creating many facets of resilient and sustainable communities from permaculture to local economies to sustainable enterprises.

**Community leaders, social entrepreneurs, organizers, young leaders, policy makers, sustainable business leaders, and practitioners** who believe in the power of collective creativity, intelligence, and collaboration to improve their communities, teams, and organizations.

## Why You Should Attend?

- **CONNECT** with other leaders of the sustainability and resilience movement and explore how we can work more powerfully together.
- **DEEPEN** our individual and collective capacity to engage teams, organizations, and community stakeholders in meaningful conversations that promote resilience, belonging, innovation, and contribution
- **ENHANCE** our skills and abilities to host strategic conversations and be agents of change through the use of methods such as Circle, World Cafe, Open Space, and Proaction Café.
- **IMAGINE** and plan for how we can use these practices in our individual and collective work in the months and years ahead.

## Costs

Non Profit and Individual: \$650

Transition Town Leaders: \$450

For Profit: \$950

*\* Teams of 3 or more: Discount of \$100 per person.*

*\* Creative Tuition: If cost is a barrier we welcome you to request a creative tuition conversation to in partnership discover how to make it possible to attend.*

## Your Hosts



Chris Corrigan has 20 years experience hosting conversations in indigenous communities, not for profits, faith based and philanthropic organizations across North America and in Europe, Oceania and South Africa. He specializes in Open Space Technology, and design for large scale initiatives to work in high levels of complexity. He is a poet and a traditional Irish musician.



Teresa Posakony works with organizations and communities who are seeking to put to work the ineffable qualities of community to bring high levels of effective engagement, creative design and deep resilience to work. She was a long time member of the Berkana Institute, worked 13 years in high tech doing leadership and organizational development, and now 12 years deeply engaged in hosting process in a breadth of non-profit organizations and community driven efforts.



Carolyne Stayton, co-founder and Co-Director of Transition US, is a strong proponent of community empowerment and engagement. She has seen that when the creative brilliance within a community is focused and freed up it can solve complex problems with a distinct and endearing local flavor. Carolyne was Director of New College's North Bay Campus for Culture, Ecology and Sustainable Community and has a master's degree in Nonprofit Administration from USF.



Jeff Aitken has worked 25 years hosting and coaching adults in transformative programs in leadership and healing arts, mainly at CIIS in San Francisco. Trained in organization development, he has facilitated dozens of Open Space meetings in public and private sectors, and wrote a PhD dissertation about his work in Sonoma County. Jeff has been influenced by teachers from many traditions and his own cultural roots. He was a coordinator of Sustainable Sonoma County, a trainer for the Social Movement Empowerment Project, and a conference coordinator for Indigenous/Western dialogues in New Mexico.



Dana Pearlman designs and facilitates action learning experiences that embody the transformation that is needed in our world. Her academic background is in clinical psychology and strategic leadership towards sustainability. She uses participatory processes and powerful questions that enable deeper learning and unearth what is at the heart of the matter. Her sweet spot is at the intersection of authentic leadership, community building and manifesting a world this is just and abundant for all.

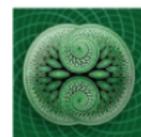


Trathen Heckman is President of Transition US and the founding Executive Director of Daily Acts Organization, publisher of Ripples, an award-winning journal and a backyard farmer. He is the former Executive Director and a board member of Green Sangha Organization. Seeking to inspire the engagement of hearts, minds and senses, Trathen educates and works with community, business and municipal leaders to create programs, policy and models which harness the power of nature and inspired action to restore the health of our lives and communities.



Sam Ruark is the Sonoma County Energy Watch Program Manager where he facilitates clean energy projects for municipalities, NGOs, special districts, and small businesses throughout Sonoma County. He has worked in the field of sustainability for non-profits, small business and local governments for 16 years. He previously served as a Sustainability Planner for Marin County and is LEED Accredited and a certified Permaculture Designer. He serves on the Board of Daily Acts, volunteers for creek and river cleanups, tends honey bees, and is a fermentation enthusiast.

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