The Art of Hosting Conversations That Matter is a training for all those who aspire to learn how to work with teams, groups, organizations or community in more interactive, engaging and effective ways.

We Invite

Community leaders

Business

Teachers

Elders

Students

Policy makers

This training will provide participants with:

- Teachings and practice on dialogue methods designed to facilitate participation and conversation such as World Cafe, Open Space Technology and The Circle Way;
- Teaching and discussion on patterns that are present while working in and with groups that you can recognize and be successful with;
- Discussion on how the application of these practices and patterns can contribute to improved social and economic outcomes for your business, organization or community;
- Opportunities for partnerships and further action as a result of conversations conducted over the three days.

What do you dream is possible when you create good conversations to improve social and economic conditions? Conversation is indispensable for the successful accomplishment of almost all activities between people, especially the coordination of work, the formation of collaborative relationships and for learning.

Need to know more? Check out www.artofhosting.org for more information on the training process.
The Art of Hosting is more than just a training:

- It is a response to a world that is becoming increasingly complex and fragmented, where true solutions and innovations lie not in one leader or one viewpoint, but in the bigger picture of our collective wisdom.
- It is an experience for all who aspire to learn and find better ways to work with groups; ways that nurture collective wisdom, shared learning, good decision-making and effective actions.
- It creates opportunities for ownership and responsibility where ideas are explored and solutions can be put into action.
- It is a practice ground for all who aspire to bring out the best in others. It is built on the assumption and experience that we need to find new solutions for the common good, whether in corporations, government, education, non-profits, social movements, communities, or families.
- It will enhance your skills to: understand the implications of your organization as a living system to deal with increasing complexity, tap into the collective intelligence of your team, organization and/or community engage effectively with diverse stakeholders.
- It provides the basic theory and practices of the specific skills required to live and work in the tension between chaos and order – The Chaordic Field – where learning and innovation take place and where wise and sustainable change can be discovered.

Interactive!

Our learning will grow out of everyone’s contributions—we will support each other as co-learners.

We will learn by observation, experience and practice, using interactive processes to build a safe and inspiring learning environment.
Logistics and Hosting Team

The Art of Hosting Conversations that Matter
September 8-10, 2014—TIES Event Centre, 1644 Larpenter Ave N, St. Paul MN

This training will run Monday, Sept. 8th through Wednesday, Sept. 10th, 2014

We will start each day at 9:00 a.m., ending around 4:30 p.m on Monday and Tuesday and 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Lunch and coffee/tea/water will be provided.

Registration Information

Go to http://meadowlark.co/ to register online. Space tends to fill quickly. Registration is not confirmed until payment is received. Registration Deadline: August 29, 2014

Registration Fee: $575.00

Hosting Team

This hosting team of Dave Ellis, Kathy Jourdain, Barbara (Bob-e) Simpson-Epps and Jerry Nagel have a lot of fun working together in rich, ongoing co-learning with each other and with participants. We bring different worldviews, depth of experience and perspectives to the conversations, practices and patterns offering multiple entry points into how to put practice into action, making it more possible and alive for others to see themselves in the work.

If you would like additional information, feel free to contact one of the host team members: Jerry at jerry@meadowlark.co, Bob-e at bsimpepps@yahoo.com, Dave at Dave@DaveEllisConsulting.com or Kathy at Kathy@ShapeShiftStrategies.com

Meadowlark Institute is a Minnesota based non-profit organization engaged in consulting, leadership training and the convening or hosting of conversations for various community and business organizations utilizing leadership patterns and practices of the Art of Hosting Conversations that Matter to spark innovative