The Art of Participatory Leadership: A 3 Day Exploration into Hosting Conversations that Lead to Wise Action

“We can’t solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them.” -Albert Einstein.

The way we have always done things is no longer working. The issues and challenges we face, as local communities and as a global community, are more complex than ever.

Across the world, we have seen an increasing call for the patterns and practices of Art of Hosting Conversations that Matter. These practices help bring together those of us who are seeking a better world; a new awareness on how we can be together better.

If it is change that we seek in our communities, organizations, government, businesses, and institutions - then we must come together to learn and explore what is needed at this time and what we can create together that none of us could create alone.

Participatory leadership recognizes where and why traditional leadership falls short. It challenges the beliefs and assumptions that form the base of those ideals. In exploring the possibilities of participatory leadership, we will step into an experiential learning process that is designed with the belief that we have the resources that we need - even though we may not yet have the answers.

Together, we can discover what is possible and what opportunities for change we can co-create. We will learn to foster leadership within ourselves and within the people with whom we live and work.

This gathering is not for spectators. It is for those who believe there is a better way; those who are tired of boring meetings, those who are tired of spinning wheels around the same issues; those who are ready to embrace ways to move forward with wise action and meaningful results.
The Art of Participatory Leadership is a three-day experiential learning workshop designed with practices and methods that invite us to explore how to engage the resources and collective intelligence of a diverse group of stakeholders.

Through *Art of Hosting Conversations that Matter*, we have discovered that these practices can lead to wise solutions for a shared future that begin now. In essence, participants learn how to go from strategic conversations to wise action and systemic change.

This training is not for spectators...during this workshop you will learn by observation, experience, practice and reflection using experiential processes:

- to build a safe and engaging co-learning experience
- to investigate and support hosting conversations as a core leadership practice for leading strategic and systemic change
- to explore collaborative practices as a strategic means for dealing with increasingly complex issues
- to experience and learn how to use processes that invite people to contribute their diverse knowledge and skills while sharing in a common purpose
- to explore harvesting (i.e. making meaning) of what we have collectively discovered
- to take the practice of hosting and harvesting and apply it to key strategic change projects in participants' lives and daily working experiences
- to strengthen your network of practitioners

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**Date & Time**

October 21 - 23, 2014  
8:30am - 4:00pm each day

**Location**

Mankato Events Center  
12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite #10  
Mankato, MN 56001

**Registration**

*Early Bird Registration: $525*  
*Early Bird registration goes from June 16 - September 30, 2014*

*Regular Registration: $650*  
*Regular registration goes from October 1 - October 15, 2014*

**Registration available online at:**

http://tinyurl.com/convo2wiseaction

**Registration Deadline:**  
October 15, 2014