



Hello

This is a call from us, The Israeli Core Team of the first Art of Participatory Leadership training workshop in Israel, and along with our international partners, we have been dreaming of bringing one of these to Israel for quite some time. In the midst of these difficult and discouraging times we have sent out the invitation for our workshop, to guide processes of change through meaningful dialogue.

Especially in times of war in Israel and Gaza, days when violence inside and around us threatens us, there's an urgent call to produce new human conversation. Meaningful conversation, that can connect people, motivate change, and encourage listening and innovative grass root solutions for our region's complex challenges. We need to learn and spread forms of work and models of communication that are fundamentally different from what we know today. For this we need innovative tools to share and co-create.

Discussing this call in our circle a few months ago, we felt that Israeli society was ready to take a leap in conversation and communication. Since then war has come to our land, and the need for meaningful conversation has become much greater.

Now is the time to make spaces that allow us to share our fear and hope, and grow the light.

One of the saddest things that has happened in the last few months in Israel is that moderate or compassionate voices are not only drowned out, but bullied and silenced on the net and in the streets. We need to teach ourselves how to hold different points of view, even opposing ones, in the same conversation. Diversity, Democracy & Freedom of speech hangs in the balance.

For this purpose we are producing this Art of Participatory Leadership workshop, that will be held in Tel Aviv - Jaffa on September 11th-14th, 2014. This workshop

will be guided by hosts from the world's best professionals. During which we will learn and practice tools that will enable us to:

- Maximize the wisdom of the group.
- Listen and accommodate the full range of voices in the group.
- Manage and make decisions democratically - in a lateral, transparent and participatory way.
- Turn conflicts into fun co-creative processes.

The four-day workshop is hosted by an exceptional team of experienced teachers from Israel and abroad and facilitators with diverse areas of expertise. The cost of the workshop as a whole is budgeted at 125,000 NIS as a sizable chunk is dedicated to bringing the expert teaching staff from overseas.

The workshop is designed for a diverse audience including managers, facilitators, counselors, therapists, teachers, social entrepreneurs, government officials and members of business, social and community organizations, and anyone this invitation touches their heart and wishes to join the global family of hosting.

We would like to allow participation in the workshop not just to those who have the money, but also to those who feel our call resonating strongly within them. These could be Social Activists who are committed and dedicated to change, or social leader of minorities in harder social-economic situations.

Our purpose is to raise money towards a scholarship fund to allow us to include all who need to be with us in this workshop. We will greatly appreciate any help in raising funds for this fund.

For more information you are welcome to contact Amit Lerner - [lerneramit@gmail.com](mailto:lerneramit@gmail.com).

Learn more at - <http://artofhosting.org.il/english/>

Thanks in advance.  
In hopes of better days-  
Love & Light-

AOPL Workshop Israel Core Team.