

The Art of Hosting

Conversations that Matter

March 30–April 1, 2015 — St. Paul, Minnesota

Dialogic Patterns and Practices for Leading in Complex Times

The Art of Hosting Conversations That Matter is a training for all who aspire to work with teams, groups, organizations or community in more interactive, engaging and effective ways to address the increasing complexity of today.

We Invite

Community leaders

Business

Teachers



Elders

Students

Policy makers

This training provides 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 human dynamics patterns that are present while working in and with groups so you can recognize and be more successful with them;
- Exploration 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.

How can we move through the complexity in our lives, organizations and communities to create space for something new to emerge?

How can we work across generations, organizational silos, ethnic background and other typical divides to find solutions for the common good?

What is the change I am inviting in myself and my leadership?

What could my leadership also be?

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.

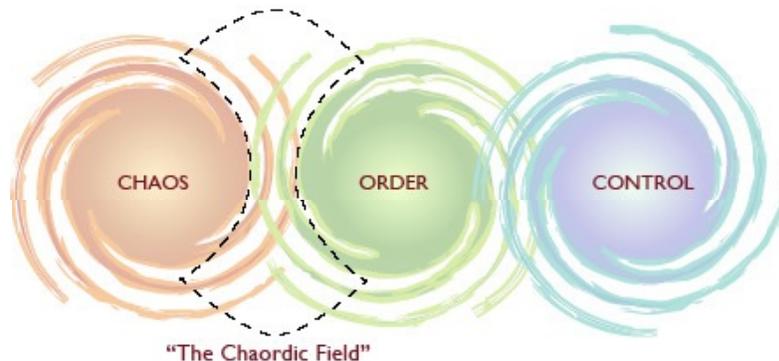
The Content

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Sometimes described as a suite of facilitation tools, it is more appropriately defined as a philosophy or a set of beliefs and values (worldview) and practices or methods that draw out collective wisdom from communities, groups or organizations. When human beings are invited to work on what truly matters to them, they will take ownership and responsibility for moving their issues and ideas into wiser actions that last.

~ More Than *Just* a Training:

- This 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 evoke engagement, 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 tap into the collective intelligence of your team, organization and/or community and to engage effectively with diverse stakeholders.
- It provides basic theory and practices of 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 Co-Learning!

We learn by observation, experience and practice, using interactive processes to build a safe and inspiring learning environment, supporting each other as co-learners.



Logistics and Hosting Team

The Art of Hosting Conversations that Matter

March 30-April 1, 2015 — TIES Event Center, 1644 Larpenteur Ave E, St. Paul MN

This training will run Monday, March 30th through Wednesday, April 1st, 2015

Plan to arrive around 8:30am. We will start each day at 9:00am, ending around 4:30pm on Monday and Tuesday and 3:30pm 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: March 16, 2015

Registration Fee: \$ 599.00

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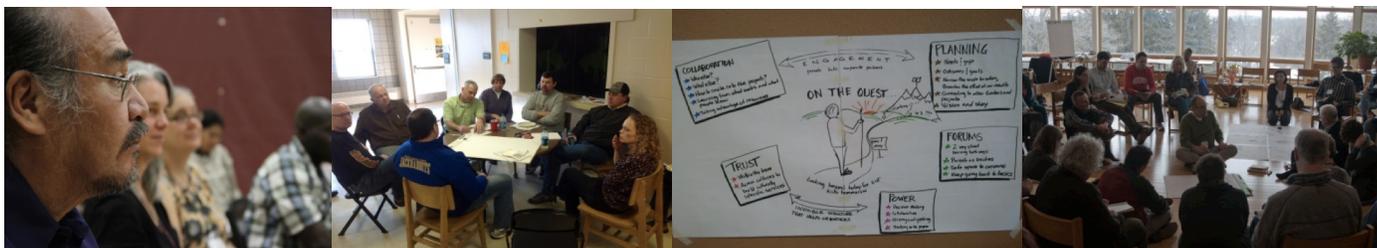
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We have a lot of fun in rich, ongoing co-learning with each other and with participants. Contact any one of us for more information. We bring different worldviews, depth of experience and perspectives to the conversations, practices and patterns offering multiple entry points into how to put practice into action, making it more possible and alive for you to see yourself in the work.



Come ready to challenge your assumptions, be purposeful in conversation and find new ways to create the self, organization, community you have been longing for.



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 and Worldview Awareness to spark innovative thinking and foster high value output.

Being Together Better ~ Dreaming Together Better ~ Meeting Together Better