

an invitation to practice

THE ART OF PARTICIPATORY LEADERSHIP | CORRYMEELA



**taking this troubled beauty forward**

**BUILDING CAPACITY FOR PARTICIPATORY LEADERSHIP**

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by Pádraig Ó Tuama

It is both a dignity and  
a difficulty  
to live between these  
names,

perceiving politics  
in the syntax of  
the state.

And at the end of the day,  
the reality is  
that whether we  
change  
or whether we stay  
the same

these questions will  
remain.

Who are we  
to be  
with one  
another?

and

How are we  
to be  
with one  
another?

and

What to do  
with all those memories  
of all those funerals?

and

What about those present  
whose past was blasted  
far beyond their  
future?

I wake.  
You wake.  
She wakes.  
He wakes.  
They wake.

We Wake  
and take  
this troubled beauty forward.



# an invitation to explore & practice the art of participatory leadership

It seems that wherever we look, the old systems are shaking and power structures are tired. People are looking for spaces to come into meaningful conversation together and to take responsibility to create the future they want.

We are saturated with images of how societies, home and abroad, are being polarized to the extremes and things are falling apart, but what will help them come together? What are the capacities all of us can practice to help a new future arise?

Perhaps you've also been asking yourself these questions:

- How can we invite others and ourselves into a civic democracy 2.0, and work in ways that create a sense of hope and engagement?
- How can we create spaces for people to come together in meaningful conversation that helps us shape and take wiser action together?
- What are the capacities we can practice together that will create a root system for a different future?



## what will we learn & practice together?

Meaningful conversation, participatory leadership, effective democratic practices and learning how to work collaboratively in emergence are ways of moving into wiser action together.

**The Art of Participatory Leadership** is a 4-day residential training designed for learning simple yet powerful practices that build community, activate collective intelligence and foster individual and collaborative leadership practices that give us the capacity to navigate the complexity of our world as it is today.



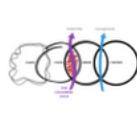
The purpose of the training is to:

- Explore, learn and practice collaborative means of responding to complex systemic challenges in our communities through engaging conversations that matter.
- Build individual and organizational capacity for participatory leadership across all levels of society within Northern Ireland and the wider region.
- Foster a community of practice that may together find paths to, as the poem so eloquently invites, take our troubled beauty forward.

During the training we will explore a range of participatory tools, concepts and methods, including:



4 Fold Practice



The Chaordic Path



8 Breaths of Design



Appreciative Inquiry



World Café



Open Space Technology



Designing for Wiser Action



Storytelling & Collective Story Harvesting



Circle Practice



The Art of Harvesting



## who should come?

Do you recognize these patterns...

- Well intentioned collaborations that fall apart because of lack of clarity or good process among the partners?
- Hours of meetings that lead to no action?
- Conferences that have too many talking heads and not enough real engagement and wisdom?
- Good work that is derailed by silo thinking and political infighting?
- Learning situations where both teachers and students are unhappy or unfulfilled?
- Communities that are marked by consistent tension, difference of opinion, lack of dialogue or perhaps indifference or resignation?

If so, then this training is for you.

Whether you come from the private, public or NGO sector or are simply an engaged citizen, this cross sectoral training is a vibrant learning space where your thinking can expand, your projects can be honed and you can build lasting relationship that can support the impact of your work long into the future.

**We invite you to join us** and to connect with other practitioners, leaders and social innovators seeking to build their leadership capacity and serve their community. We look forward to welcoming you, your questions, your projects and your contributions.

## OUR HOSTING TEAM



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# interested?

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