

A large, spreading tree stands in a green field under a sunset sky with orange and purple hues. The tree's branches are silhouetted against the bright sky.

The Art of Hosting and Harvesting Conversations that Matter

Hunter Valley | 5- 7 March 2018

How can we nourish connection and collaboration to sustain and evolve our communities?

Our communities are a web of many rich connections and collaborations, with abundant opportunities to grow more. Many of us are looking for new ways to engage and nourish these connections in our work and in our community as we move into the next stage of our growth and development.

The Art of Hosting and Harvesting Conversations that Matter (also known as the Art of Participatory Leadership and AoH) offers simple and powerful participatory practices, patterns and processes. These approaches have been used effectively in community, business, government and non-government contexts worldwide to enable the inclusion and connection of diverse perspectives for better outcomes.

We warmly invite you to join us for a 3-day training event in the heart of the Hunter Valley - where people are making their voices heard in a changing and diverse environment. Together we will discover how we can create and host spaces for collaborative conversations that generate wise action - in our businesses, organisations, communities and families.

What will we explore, learn & practise?

Art of Hosting is a highly effective way of harnessing the collective wisdom and self-organising capacity of groups of any size. AoH blends a suite of powerful conversational processes to invite people to take charge of the challenges facing them. Groups and organisations using AoH as a working practice report better decision-making, more efficient and effective capacity building, and greater ability to quickly respond to opportunity, challenge and change.

This training is experiential - you will have opportunities to practise hosting various participatory processes and methodologies, through the lens of the invitation question. The learning includes:

- Simple and powerful social tools such as: Circle, World Café, Appreciative Inquiry, Open Space Technology, Designing for Wiser Action, storytelling and more
- Complementary models and frameworks including complexity theory and practice, Theory U and new organisational forms
- Authentic presence and leadership, and working with emergence
- Real world application.

Who is it for?

- Anyone and everyone who wants to explore the power of collective creativity, intelligence, and collaboration with each other and within their communities
- Business leaders, social entrepreneurs, community and not for profit leaders, community organisers and their teams
- Next generation leaders and other young activists
- Department leaders, policy officers, and program managers

We look forward to welcoming you, your questions, your projects and your contributions.

Participation fees – a sliding scale

\$880 - Full fee \$670 - Standard fee \$460 - Supported fee

All fees include GST and there are discounts available for groups of 3 or more. You decide what is fair, what you have capacity to pay, or what is within your training budget. Our aim is to support everyone who wants to attend, to be there, regardless of their capacity to pay. You can learn more about our collaborative approach to the training economy on our [website](#) and you are welcome to contact us if you would like a conversation about fees.

Details

When: Monday 5 to Wednesday 7 March 2018 (training 9am-5pm each day)

Where: Tocal Agricultural College, 815 Tocal Road, Paterson, NSW

Accommodation is available at Tocal College and in nearby Paterson and Maitland - see the [website](#) for options

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