The Art of Hosting
Meaningful Conversations

Intergenerational Collaboration,
Participatory Leadership &
Restorative Communities

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Poets Cove Resort
Pender Island,
British Columbia

From local community movements throughout the world, to large scale global challenges impacting every community, from the deeply personal vision to the widely held social movements, these times are calling for new paradigms of social collaboration and participatory leadership needed to respond to complex societal challenges.

YOU ARE INVITED to the Art of Hosting Meaningful Conversations, an intensive three day experiential learning journey designed to explore powerful processes that build community, activate collective intelligence and collaborative leadership practices to address complex community, organizational and societal challenges.

How do we build capacity within ourselves, our communities, organizations and systems to harness and lead from the collective vision, passion and purpose needed to respond to our most important challenges?
WHAT IS THE ART OF HOSTING?

The Art of Hosting Meaningful Conversations is a response to a world that is becoming increasingly complex and fragmented, where true solutions and innovations lie not in one leader or viewpoint, but in the larger picture of collective intelligence and wise sustainable action.

THE PURPOSE

To provide a training ground in the Art of Hosting Meaningful Conversations
To build capacity of the participants to learn and practice Participatory Leadership approaches.
To build capacity of all members of our communities and organizations to engage in dialogue on issues of meaning and importance
To see together what we can’t see alone and creating together what can’t be created alone

THE EXPERIENCE

Participants will explore:
Hosting conversations as a core leadership practice and skill set for leading change in complex systems
The Art of Hosting Meaningful Conversations/Participatory Leadership as an organizing pattern/culture that invites new ways of living and working
How the practice of hosting can be applied to key strategic change projects in our lives and work

Participants will experience:
Developing competence in several interactive processes that support participatory leadership, creativity, and shared commitment to wise collective action by using techniques such as Open Space Technology, Appreciative Inquiry, Circle, World Cafe, Pro-action Cafe, and other participatory methodologies
Learning Frameworks and Process Design Tools to link deep purpose and vision with wise concise action such as Chaordic Design, Theory U, Integral Vision, Organizational Paradigms and Living Systems design
THE ART OF HOSTING IS MORE THAN JUST A TRAINING.

It is a response to a world that is becoming increasingly complex and fragmented, where true solutions and innovations lie not in one leader or viewpoint, but in the larger picture of collective intelligence.

It is a response to a time when institutions and democracy itself are failing to address the increasing chaos in our world. It is a place for those who are interested in being part of a shift to sustainable, resilient, and thriving organizations and communities across the world.

It is a practice ground for all who aspire to bring out the best in themselves and others. It is based on the assumption and experience that human beings have enormous untapped wealth and resilience, and there are simple and effective ways for bringing those out with authenticity to creative, innovative, and comprehensive solutions.

How do we restore and the connections between diverse systems, generations, communities and cultures to harness the collective wisdom needed to create meaningful responses to today’s complex social, cultural and organizational challenges?

OUR INVITATION

Bring your Challenges/Opportunities

“Ask for what you need, offer what you can…”

This Art of Hosting is offered to anyone or any organization wanting to learn the Art of Hosting Meaningful Conversations as a means of leading change through participatory leadership methodologies.

We invite you to bring forward your real time challenges, questions and gifts to help build a “field of inquiry and practice” to support the “change you are being” in your community, work and world.

While the focus of this training is on experiencing and practicing the Art of Hosting Meaningful conversations approaches, leadership approaches for the Art of Hosting, and not on any specific inquiry, project or initiative, Art of Hosting Trainings often have a calling team who will want to learn these skills to respond to specific challenges and opportunities.

Hosted by The International Institute for Child Rights and Development (IICRD) in partnership with Pender Island Restorative Justice Program
THE CALLING TEAM

The call for this Art of Hosting came from:

The Young Partners in Development Team (IICRD), who are seeking to use the Art of Hosting Meaningful Conversations as an “operating system” to support the development of a network of practice and academic training opportunity aimed and bringing youth leadership, voice and influence to bare on our most important process, institutions and decisions;

The Pender Island Restorative Justice community, who are seeking to deepen their practice and expand their vision towards a “restorative” community for socio-economic and environmental sustainability within the for the gulf islands; and,

The Compassion Action Network Seattle joined the calling team via the YPID team and is bringing in their diverse networks and focus on compassion.

While inquiry on these topics started the ball rolling for this training, the focus of this training is on learning the Art of Hosting methodologies and practice. We invite you to come with any and all challenges, hopes, visions or aspirations you have passion for and want to take responsibility for supporting, or to learn this powerful participatory leadership approach to support you leadership.

THE HOSTING TEAM

Toke Paludan Møller has been pioneering the fields of sustainable entrepreneurship, participatory leadership, educational renewal, and social responsibility since the early 1970s. He is co-founder, of InterChange www.interchange.dk – a for more than profit training and process consulting company based in Denmark. He has worked for the Danish and UK public sector, international NGOs, companies in the private sector, international networks, and with villages in Africa, Europe, the Middle East; north and south America and Asia. Toke has co-founded The Art of Hosting, The Flow Game, and the Warrior of the Heart dojo. For the past six years he has worked with colleagues in support of large-scale systems transformation in England, USA, Australia and Canada, as well as in the European Commission. He holds a deep inquiry into questions like: “What if hosting and harvesting conversations that matter is the kind of leadership practice that will allow everyone to learn together and therefore act more wisely?”

Pawatsqwachitl Haiyupis is a member of the Ahousaht First Nation on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. She is from the house of Klak-ishpeelth. At a family feast in 2006 she was given both her great grandmothers name Pawatsqwachitl and her Grandfathers name Haiyupis. At this time she chose to legally change her name as reclaiming identity and language is part of living her inherent rights. For over 10 years Pawa has worked with young Indigenous leaders at the First Nations Summit, BC Assembly of First Nations and in communities across Canada for the National Centre for First Nations Governance.
Pawa cont’d
Youth are their own experts on what supports they need. Based on the collective wisdom of the youth along with the advice and guidance of Elders, Pawa develops & implements programs that connect youth and communities to language, ceremony, children, healthy families, & a respectful relationship with all of Creation in our territories. Whatever was taken away at contact needs to be put back in place. Pawa is an Art of Hosting steward, facilitator, mentor, apprentice and slam poet.

Over the last 15 years David Stevenson’s work has been in designing and supporting emergent models of leadership and governance. He was C.E.O of a government crown corporation tasked with supporting Indigenous communities to reclaim authority for services to children and families, and through that process worked intensely with the Art of Hosting methodology to shift authority for indigenous children from government into traditional governance and child protection systems. David has over 20 years of facilitation experience, and has lead Art of Hosting training's within government, non-profit, and indigenous communities. Having recently joined the Ministry for Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, David’s work is focused on advancing government reconciliation priorities such as the establishment of an Off Reserve Aboriginal Action Plan by working within a “change lab” model of social innovation to address the significant socio-economic challenges faced by urban Aboriginal peoples.

CONFERENCE DETAILS

THE VENUE
Poets Cove Resort and Spa on beautiful Pender Island, BC will be hosting this year’s Art of Hosting event. Tucked away in Bedwell Harbour, surrounded in incredible natural beauty, Poets offers a restorative retreat setting. Visit www.poetscove.com.

TIMING
This Art of Hosting will take place Thursday, November 1, 2012 through Sunday, November 4th 2012.

We will begin at 6pm on Thursday evening and end no later than noon on Sunday. Early morning practices such as Warrior of the Heart, meditation, yoga and access to beautiful outdoor hiking trails will be available for participants.

ACCOMMODATION
We have booked a block of rooms at Poets Cove for your convenience. Space is available on a first come basis with your choice of a lodge room, a shared 2 bedroom cabin or 3 bedroom villa. Please see www.poetscove.com for more information. Please note: single prices are based on one person per bedroom (2 people per cabin, 3 per villa).
CONFERENCE DETAILS cont’d

GETTING THERE
Poets Cove is a short scenic 40 minutes via www.BCFERRIES.com from Victoria and 2 ½ hours from Vancouver.

It is also a hop skip & a short flight from Victoria Harbour via www.harbourair.com and from Richmond or downtown Vancouver via www.seairseaplanes.com or www.saltspringair.com

Or you can come by water taxi www.islandcamping.ca from the Port of Sidney.

For transport from the ferry or float plane to the resort, contact Poets Cove www.poetscove.com 1-888-512-POET (7638) or 250 629-2100 to arrange for shuttle (cost $15 per pick up), or call the Pender Island Cab Co. www.penderislandcab.com 250 629 2222 (cost $40-$45).

TO REGISTER
To register, please visit www.youngpartnersindevelopment.org and click on the Event link for the Art of Hosting

Registration and Payment Deadline: September 30, 2012
Places are limited so register early to avoid disappointment.

CONFERENCE RATES

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Rates include all meals and health breaks (including an opening dinner on Nov 1st and breakfast on Nov 4th), conference materials, HST and an online registration fee.

Limited scholarships available.

Registration fees are refundable, less a $100 administrative fee, if notification is received in writing no later than October 15, 2012. No refunds are available after this date.