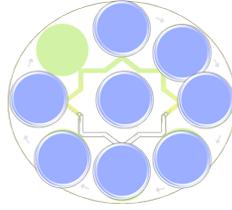




THE ART OF CONVENING™ TRAINING

Purpose in Action



SESSION 4

HOMEWORK & PREPARATION

SESSION THEMES [Participants Engaged with Each Other]

<p>Essential Conversation Meaningful exchange within an atmosphere of trust</p>		
<p>Challenge: Self-consciousness</p>	<p>Principle: Meaningful exchange creates a connected and interdependent whole.</p>	<p>Essential Questions: Has the ground been adequately laid for essential conversation to occur? What am I now aware of or open to? (that perhaps I was not before) What wisdom is already present?</p>
<p>Creation Something new that emerges from engagements of shared purpose and trust</p>		
<p>Challenge: Disengagement</p>	<p>Principle: The emergence of something new that did not exist before is the root of innovation and meaningful contribution.</p>	<p>Essential Questions: What are we to create together? How will I recognize and harvest the wisdom being created? What is the new that we can bring back to our relationships and communities, personal and organizational</p>

Session Reading:

Readings from *The Art of Convening: Authentic Engagement in Meetings, Gatherings, and Conversations*

- Chapter 7-Essential Conversation
- Chapter 8-Creation

Handouts: download from blog

Journaling Questions and Exercise to complete before Session 4

Your responses will be discussed during the session call

Essential Conversation:

Recall a time when you engaged in a meaningful conversation in an atmosphere of trust, how was that different than other conversations?

When in your life have you had the experience of the Arc of Recognition in relationship to your engagements - of being "seen" by others in your essence while simultaneously knowing that others are having the same experience?

Creation:

Recall a time in your life (a meeting, conversation or gathering) when you experienced the alignment of a group in which something new was created?

How did you know the group was aligned?

How did distraction (in the form of dissent, inertia, fear, or messiness) manifest, and how was it overcome?

What factors contributed to allowing something new to come forth?