

Open Space

Facilitator Training Workshop

January 29th & 30th, 2014
Guelph, Ontario
Canada



What?

Open Space Technology is a group facilitation method that clearly structures and encourages human cooperation, builds new relationships, and unearths new and strategic solutions and action plans. It can be used with groups of ten people, or a thousand.

It is especially useful when situations are complex or bogged down in conflict, where there are diverse interests and perspectives, and where there is urgency and an unclear set of solutions or next steps.

Who?

This course is for formal and informal community leaders, strategic planners, project managers, business and organization leaders, entrepreneurs and neighbourhood organizations, public engagement specialists, consultants - anyone who wishes to create active involvement and personal responsibility from the people attending their meetings. *Enrollment is limited to 25 participants.*

When?

January 29th and 30th, 2014, lunch included. Two days of workshop training with a third follow-up day in late spring (in person, or accessed through teleconference after the initial training).

Where? Day1:TBA Day 2: City Hall, Guelph

By Whom? Guest trainers from Next Stop You, Sweden.

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Activate
leadership
and encourage
constructive,
action-oriented
participation in
your community or
organization.



Open Space Facilitation Training - Outline in Brief:

First Convention: January 29th and 30th, 2014

Day 1: 9.00 am – 6.00 pm - Leadership overview and the Experience of an Open Space

- Course introduction and Overview
- Background
- Participate in an Open Space meeting – Focus: *Action Planning for a Community Food Hub*
- Debrief
- Process leading: An adaptive and technical approach
6:30 pm Dinner discussion: *Lessons from the day*

The Seed Community Food Hub is a collaborative initiative aimed at creating a space to bring people together to provide community food access in a respectful and empowering setting.

http://gwpoverty.ca/get_involved/the-seed-community-food-hub/

Day 2: 9.00 am – 6.00 pm - Participant Practice and Feedback

- Observations on Day 1
- How to lead an Open Space - a practical walk-through of the process
- Understanding the principals and the law of Open Space
- The role of the Open Space leader
- Practical preparations and personal preparations
- About Open Space - different applications (examples from Sweden)
- Possibilities and challenges with Open Space; What to do if there is trouble?
- Practical planning and preparations for leading your own Open Space meeting

Second Convention: (Date tbd - approx. late spring)

Day 3: 9.00 am – 6.00 pm

- Reflections and learning
- Success strategies for undertaking an Open Space
- Deepening the understanding for the role of the Open Space-leader
- The phenomenon of “open spaces” and to keeping it open
- Addressing the facilitator’s challenges
- Essence – function – form:
What do we actually mean when we talk about self-organisation?

For more information on the training facilitators, please visit
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