



The Art of Participatory Leadership: Building Resilient Community and Organizations ~ Creating Change

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Ferry Beach Park Association
Saco, ME

The Art of Participatory Leadership, now practiced and offered worldwide, is an intensive 3-day event where you will experience and practice a set of simple, yet powerful, processes for building community, facilitating powerful conversations, building strong partnerships, and leading change. Come explore how to unleash collective genius and build adaptive and leader-full communities.

We invite those engaged and committed to the many aspects of resilience to come together from Transition Towns, sustainability initiatives, local economy, permaculture communities, sustainable business, local food, healthy families, and more.

Our hope is to create powerful ways to learn together, build effective teams and partnerships that help us work better in our own communities, as well as invite others to build resilient communities. There's an incredible amount of work going on in many different networks. We are thrilled to bring these powerful networks together, to add to what Transition's Rob Hopkins has been speaking about scaling up through building learning networks and core teams.

Our intention is to work together to build capacity for the next evolution of work in New England. We also invite passionate friends from other areas who want to learn with us and create transformative change.

Rooted in the Four Fold practice of the Art of Hosting, this event teaches a participative approach for leading, convening, and engaging groups. The practice begins with being present and hosting one's self, from there we participate in learning conversations, hosting and convening conversations, and co-creating (initiatives, change, teams, etc.).

Who Should Attend?

Individuals and teams who are eager to build stronger teams and partnerships with each other and within their communities. People who are dedicated to creating many facets of resilient and sustainable communities from permaculture to local economies to sustainable enterprises.

Community leaders, social entrepreneurs, organizers, young leaders, policy makers, sustainable business leaders, and practitioners who believe in the power of collective creativity, intelligence, and collaboration to improve their communities, teams, and organizations.

Why You Should Attend?

- **CONNECT** with other leaders of the sustainability and resilience movement and explore how we can work more powerfully together.
- **DEEPEN** our individual and collective capacity to engage teams, organizations, and community stakeholders in meaningful conversations that promote resilience, belonging, innovation, and contribution.
- **ENHANCE** our skills and abilities to host strategic conversations and be agents of change through the use of methods such as Circle, World Cafe, Open Space, and Proaction Café.
- **IMAGINE** and plan for how we can use these practices in our individual and collective work in the months and years ahead.

Costs:

Early bird registration (\$50 discount per person on prices below) is available through February 25, 2014.

\$250 -- Transition Town Leaders*

\$350 -- Students, Underemployed & Volunteer Activists

\$550 -- Per Person, Non Profit Teams of 3 or More (\$650 for individuals)

\$850 -- Per Person, For Profit Teams of 3 or More (\$950 for individuals)

** Note: additional scholarship \$ is available for Transition US leaders working directly with Transition initiatives, core groups, & boards thanks to the Threshold Foundation.*

Lodging & Meals:

Dormitory style rooms are available, four people per room. Some single rooms are available for an additional cost of \$120. Bathrooms are shared. Campsites are also available. Friday night dinner is potluck. Remaining meals and snacks are catered.

Generosity Circle:

We invite all to practice generosity. If you are in position to offer a gift of \$50 or more to support others to attend, please do so. Thank you.

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Your Hosts



Katey Branch is a healing artist who has worked with individuals and groups for 30 years. Katey has a B.A. in Sociology, an MS in Environmental Ed, is a Licensed Massage Therapist, Certified Yoga Instructor, Dancer, Artist and Musician. She co-founded Project AWARE, the Alan Day Community Garden and is proprietress of Halls Pond Healing Arts where she offers yoga, massage & workshops and Starlight Pastures where she and her partner grow and sell food.



Lisa Fernandes organizes the 1500+ member Portland Maine Permaculture group and is the Director of its non-profit home, The Resilience Hub. She is a trained facilitator and permaculture designer who believes that the strategies of resilience-building, re-skilling and re-localization are among the best we have for creating vibrant communities and for navigating future challenges.



Jerry Nagel is deeply committed to hosting meaningful conversations around many of our most difficult issues, including race, gender, age, sexual orientation and political and economic power. Jerry is President of the Meadowlark Institute, an organization committed to developing our individual and collective capacity to engage in meaningful conversations with those who hold different traditions, values and goals. He is a Steward in the Art of Hosting Community of Practice and a Flow Game practitioner.



Rachel Lyn Rumson values learning processes and dialogue as vital and seeks to develop communities that intentionally create, learn and change together. Rachel Lyn is a process consultant with The Resilience Hub, consulting on multistakeholder design, and facilitating groups and supporting permaculture education programs. She sits on the board of the Portland Tool Library and the Machigonne Community Land Trust and is active member of local groups including Transition Portland, Hour Exchange Portland and the Portland Food Coop.



Bob Stilger works in communities around the world where people are learning how to listen to each other again. Co-founder of a community development corporation back in the mid-seventies, his work eventually led him to understand that we build communities from the inside out, working with the wealth, wisdom and resources that we have. Doing that requires learning how to design and host conversations that matter.



Zizi Vlaun began her own transition when she started working for the organic seed movement in the 90s producing websites and seed catalogs for Seeds of Change. During that time she was introduced to Permaculture and, with her husband Scott, hosted their first PDC course on their land in Maine. Currently they work for resiliency locally by growing food for their farmers' market and by starting the Center for an Ecology-Based Economy where Zizi will bring Art of Hosting skills to the area to engage the community in finding ways to transition.



Tenneson Woolf is a facilitator, workshop leader, speaker, and writer. He designs and lead meetings in participative formats. To help people be smart together. To get people interacting with each other — learning together, building relationships, and focused on projects. To get deeper to the heart of what matters. From strategic visioning with boards to large conference design. He is a steward in the Art of Hosting community of practitioners. Living systems, self-organization, and emergence inspire his work.

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