

THE ART OF LEARNING TOGETHER

HOW DO YOU BUILD LEARNING COMMUNITIES AND CORE TEAMS
THAT ENABLE LARGE SCALE PARTICIPATION?

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ASHEVILLE, NC**

As facilitators, educators, managers, and community organizers, now is the time for us to come together, to stand boldly and compassionately at the intersection of learning, education, practice and transformation for the sake of the greater good. Now is the time for us to be learning together.

You already know the power of learning. You've experienced the magic of people coming alive when they let in new information and allow themselves to be changed -- taking on new perspectives, new worldviews, new practices, or new insights. You are clear that safe, engaging and fun learning experiences can help people live their life's purpose, fulfill their company's mission, and foster healing and resilience in communities. You're hungry to take your own knowledge and experience to the next level.

Come explore with us different methodologies, practices and patterns that surface diverse perspectives for wise action. Contribute your knowledge and deepen your capacities to work with core teams and build environments that nurture continued learning.

At The Art of Learning Together you will:

- “Learn on the job” and gain hands on, practical skills for facilitating learning with opportunities to immediately apply what you learn
- Learn how to tap into group wisdom and facilitate in situations with diverse and differing perspectives
- Expand individual and collective understanding of learning, learning in community and the impact and organization of core teams
- Move beyond limiting beliefs that get in the way of facilitating active learning environments
- Explore at your learning edge, stretching to get the most of out our time together
- Focus attention on learning together what could never be learned on our own, surfacing solutions, ideas and deeper inquiries

OUR AIM IS THAT EACH PERSON LEAVES FEELING MORE EQUIPPED TO FACILITATE CONVERSATIONS AND ASSEMBLE CORE TEAMS IN THEIR LEARNING COMMUNITIES.



In a 3 day action-learning intensive we will explore methodologies, frameworks, practices and patterns for facilitating and hosting learning communities and organizations. We will inquire into what is essential when learners gather together around a shared purpose to address the complex challenges of our times.

The intensive is not for spectators. You will be given opportunity to step up your facilitation skills, host others and be in active inquiry around real issues that face our communities. Our intent is that you leave ready to implement what you learn.

Imagine yourself immersed in a field of learning with other people like you – people who are dedicated, crazy passionate, experienced and determined to do what it takes to create learning communities where people support each other and learn together.

- What if cultivating engaged learning communities was essential to creating the change needed in our times?
- How can we increase our capacities to create learning environments that surface diverse perspectives, gifts and skills for the betterment of humanity?
- How do we hold the tension of leading a group or project to keep moving forward and also creating an inclusive environment where people are invested to take action?
- What does it take to cultivate learning communities that inspire courage and confidence in learners so that they may fearlessly address the challenges of our times?



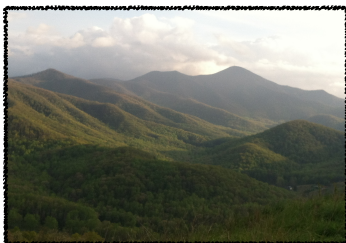
There are a myriad of complex challenges and opportunities facing humanity today. From the *global decline of our natural resources* to the *growing gap between the rich and the poor*, and from *systemic barriers in our education, healthcare and financial systems* to *mass incarceration and the school to prison pipeline*. There is an ever increasing need for learning communities and human to human connection, people working together to address these challenges and move towards a future that serves the greatest good.

What if we transcend our current learning paradigm of downloading information and increase our skills of unearthing diverse perspectives, recognizing and utilizing gifts and capabilities, and collaboratively creating socially impactful learning spaces?

Our times are calling for a new approach.

This event is based on the methodology of the Art of Hosting Conversations that Matter - a powerful suite of facilitative practices and practical frameworks to help groups more effectively work across traditional boundaries. Practices used include Appreciative Inquiry, World Café, Proaction Café, Open Space Technology, and Circle Practice. These practices used together become an effective way to help people lead and help groups move into connection and deep conversation and action. They allow groups of any size to harness collective wisdom and activate self-organizing capacities. To learn more www.artofhosting.org.

Location



The Hub
278 Haywood Road
Asheville, NC 28806
9am - 6pm each day

Pricing

Early Bird Rates

- Students: \$350
- Non-affiliated Community Organizers: \$440
- Non-Profits: \$560
- Corporate: \$860

Rates after October 6th

- Students: \$400
- Non-Affiliated Community Organizers: \$490
- Non-Profits: \$610
- Corporate: \$910

* We highly encourage teams of 2 or more to attend together for optimal results in the environments in which you work. Groups of 2 or more will receive \$50 off per person.

Register at: mycelium.is/LTRegistration

Facilitation Team

ASHLEY COOPER



Ashley Cooper is guided by her playful curiosity and reverence for life. As a Co-founder and Learning Architect at [Mycelium](#), she designs and facilitates learning programs that foster relevant learning, strategic partnerships and meaningful action in service to the greater good. Ashley specializes in hosting experiences where people feel inspired to be genuine, work together across differences and find the courage and confidence to take the next necessary bold step in their life and work. She supports individuals and groups as they deepen their capacities to collaborate and act with integrity. Over the the last 15 years, Ashley has worked in a variety of settings from organizational strategy with foundations and non-profits to curriculum development and programmatic implementation in schools and communities.

CHRIS CORRIGAN



Steward of the global Art of Hosting community, Chris is a teacher and facilitator of strategic conversations and a practitioner of the Art of Hosting whose work invites collective intelligence and collective leadership to be activated in the service of complex challenges. Chris has worked locally and internationally in a huge variety of contexts including social services, indigenous community development, immigration and refugee issues, business, government, food systems and education. He has written and contributed to numerous books on the role of participatory processes in activating new forms of leadership and community development. His well known weblog, [Parking Lot](#), has charted his own learning in the field since 2002.

DANA PEARLMAN



Dana Pearlman designs and facilitates action learning experiences that incorporates whole person development, mission driven entrepreneurship with systems thinking, being and doing for social change. Dana uses participatory facilitation processes and powerful questions to enable deeper wisdom at the individual, team, organizational and community levels. Her intent is to steward a world that is more whole, interconnected and in alignment with what serves the greater good for all life. Her sweet spot is at the intersection of authentic leadership, tapping into other ways of knowing (beyond cognition) the world, collective healing and cultivating communities of practice in order to accelerate the profound transformation that is needed in our world.

She co-authored [The Lotus: A Practice Guide for Authentic Leadership towards Sustainability](#).

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