

# THE ART OF HOSTING AND HARVESTING CONVERSATIONS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## NOTTINGHAM

What are the seeds of change in Nottingham and how might our collective energies come together in a common direction?



### [The Art of Hosting](#)

is a participatory approach used worldwide to create the depth of meeting that transforms our relationships and gets the necessary work done.

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### THE ART OF HOSTING NOTTINGHAM

A three day training: Thursday 25th June from 10.00am until  
Saturday 27th June 4.00 pm

Venue: Playworks, Alfred Street North, Nottingham NG3 1AE

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Nottingham has a great mix of organisations and people who are working at all levels and sectors to create some exciting positive changes - there is a bit of a buzz in the city right now.

Simone and David are community organisers who have been working in Nottingham over the last two years and have really seen how the Art of Hosting techniques and ideas can help us engage with groups in a way that unlocks creativity and builds new relationships.

They want to invite you to come for three days of learning and connecting with some amazing people from across the city and the UK. Hope you can join us!

The purpose of this training is to learn and explore ways of hosting participative conversations and meeting spaces so we can understand what is needed and how to move forward in action.



Meetings that truly bring people

together and build relationships across the city mean that our work will have more impact. We would like to explore how to break down the barriers between different sectors and find new perspectives to the current ideology of 'contracting and commissioning' and being more 'business-like' about community development and social change.

### **What is the new economy of social change?**

**How can we bring out the best in our organisations and communities and bring more meaning into our work?**

**How might we bring our personal energies together to move forward in a common direction?**



### **What will be covered over the three days:**

- Tools, principles and methods for facilitating conversations that lead to collective action: Open Space - ProAction Cafe - World Cafe - Circle - Collective Story Harvest - Appreciative Inquiry
- Space to explore the relationship between personal change and system change
- Working with complexity, emergence and 'not knowing'
- Shifting our focus from problems to what's possible in our communities and organisations
- Designing from a living systems perspective: the ecocycle
- Applying what you are learning directly to a change project you are working with

### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND:**

Community Leaders, Artists, Change Activists, Social Entrepreneurs, Public Sector and Business Leaders. Anyone who brings people together and is hungry for more fruitful ways of meeting, better practices of collaborative working and greater skills in navigating complexity and uncertainty.

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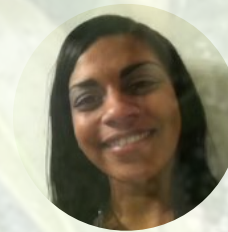
## Payment:

We would like to make this training as accessible as we can so that everyone can attend and money is not a barrier. However, we do have to cover our costs so we are asking that you pay what you possibly can (and a little bit more if you can). If training is usually paid for by your organisation than we would ask you to pay what that would usually be. If you are paying yourself, maybe it's 'a fair 3 days pay for a fair 3 days work'. Please bring food to share for lunch (pot luck lunch). Invoices will be sent on receipt of booking and payment should be received prior to programme attendance.

## Your Hosting Team:



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**Simone Millar**  
Creative community organiser NoMad  
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**Sarah Whiteley**  
Author, poet, mentor  
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**Niamh Carey**  
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Artist, Community  
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