



PRACTICE GATHERING 2016

2 - 8 October, Slovenia

Calling all Practitioners!

Imagine a time to host yourself, deepen your practice and connect with other practitioners. Imagine being strengthened in your focus, inspired in your work and connected both to mates and to a wider field of practice and vitality. Imagine being able to explore or rest, connect or co-create as you wish. **You're invited to PRACTICE GATHERING 2016 in Slovenia!**

This is an offering from stewards to the Art of Hosting practice field (and everyone else who want to join us!). We believe there is something important in continuing to invite to practice. We have been watching our community grow rapidly and have been thinking deeply about capacity building and what capacities are needed in these uncertain times.

What does it mean to strengthen our methods and our practice? What have we learned and what can we share? It is time to come together and explore what we've experienced and how we can help each other.

A deep dive into practice and community

We invite you to come for learning, practice, community and co-creation. We will meet for seven days by the sea in beautiful Slovenia. Our intention is to deepen our learning and practice as a community — to both learn and offer. Our intention is to create a space where we can host each other. There will be ample opportunities to both connect to others and to host yourself.

Central to the gathering are eight Learning Tracks aimed at extending our skills and our conversation as a community of practitioners. These are:

- TRACK 1: Coping with conflict — what we can learn about peace from understanding conflict
- TRACK 2: Reinventing four organisations
- TRACK 3: Complexity: Implications for Hosting & Harvesting
- TRACK 4: Hosting Learning to create the education we dream of
- TRACK 5: Let's do this together: Calling, creating & tending communities of practice
- TRACK 6: Art of Hosting practice + new organisational systems
- TRACK 7: Be a Story Activist
- TRACK 8: The art of groundwork & organising in the eye of the storm

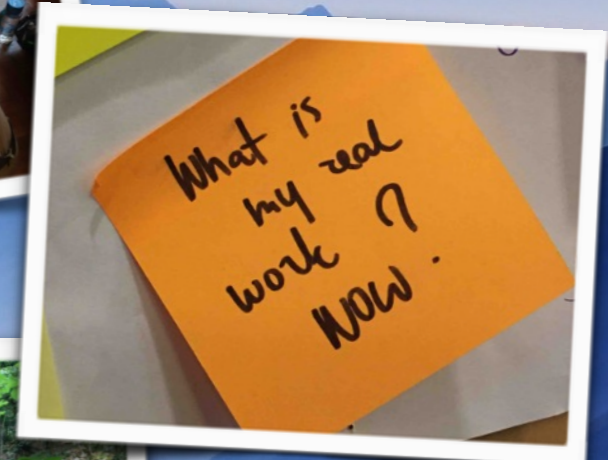
These learning opportunities will be balanced with collective sense making and Open Space. There will also be a Practitioners Day, where stories, applications and learning can be shared.

Please visit the website and register today! Please also share this invitation with others in your network and invite people from far and wide. This gathering will be held in an Art of Hosting style, and we welcome and invite practitioners from all disciplines to attend.

Hope we see you there! Mary Alice Arthur, Ria Baeck, Phil Cass

WE OFFER:

co-learning intensives open space finding mates
be hosted collective sensemaking relaxing
sharing practitioner stories beautiful nature
Isn't it time to host yourself?



Your Hosting Team



Mary Alice Arthur



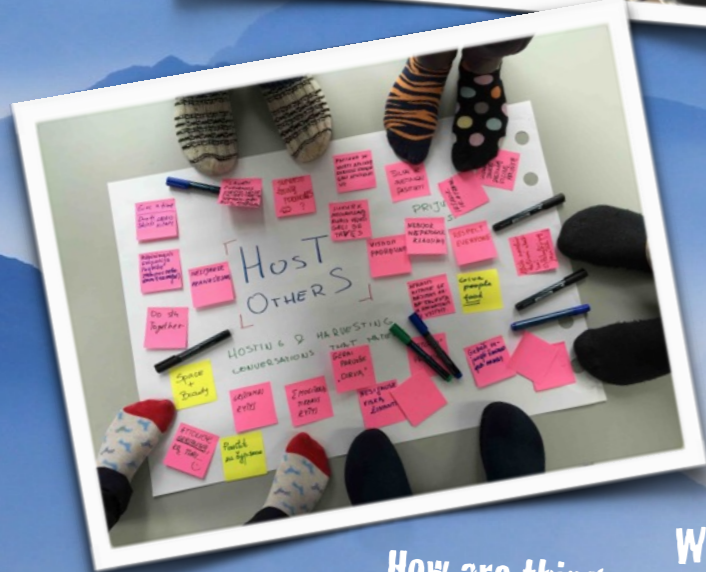
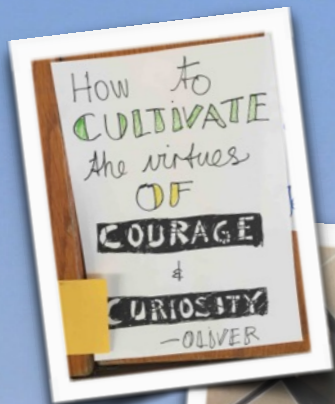
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See you there!



We wonder: How are things where you are?
 What have you been learning in your practice?
 Who do you need to connect to?
 What have you been deeply wondering?
 What are your learning edges?
Isn't it time to say YES! to Slovenia?

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The shape of our Gathering

- **Sunday: Welcome and connection** — We begin at 13:00 at lunch and at 14:30 in the full group sharing the journey and beginning to discover our connections and our questions
- **Monday – Tuesday + Wednesday - Thursday: Learning Journey**
 - **In the morning:** deep dives lasting for two mornings on a set of selected topics with invited host practitioners
 - **Afternoon/evening: Open Space** — offer what you like
- **Friday: Practitioners' Day** — sharing our work, ideas, needs and contributions, followed by a celebration
- **Saturday: Harvesting day** & close at 15:00

We invite you to come for any or all of the days. On the website you will find details about what is on offer and how to register. There are already some groups who want to host a meeting around the Gathering. Perhaps you want to invite something too!

The venue

We have booked a wonderful hotel by the sea in Slovenia and have a fantastic local hosting team. You will be warmly welcomed and well taken care of. The coastal health resort **Debeli rtič** is located in the **western part of the Slovenian coast**, just next to the Italian border (10 km from Koper, 20 km from Trieste, 110 km from Ljubljana). The facility - surrounded by lush vineyards and scenic cliffs - offers a relaxed working environment with many recreational and sightseeing opportunities in the near vicinity. In the beginning of October swimming in the Adriatic sea is still possible, so bring your swim suits!

The closest airports are Trieste, Ljubljana Brnik, Venice and Treviso. Koper and Trieste are also accessible by train. All the details for booking accommodation are on the website.

Fees

We would like the Practitioners' Gathering to be accessible to everyone, no matter their financial situation, therefore we offer several fee options:

- Individuals, NGOs, small business set fee: €732 (€140,30 per day, if you are not staying for the whole duration of the gathering)
- Corporate set fee: €976 (€189,10 per day, if you are not staying for the whole duration of the gathering)
- Shared economy: €549* (only if staying for the whole gathering) -- this is the first payment, due before you arrive. You decide on a second payment by the end of the gathering.

VAT is included in all prices. These fees have been calculated on 55 participants. If we do not achieve this number, we will reduce the programme accordingly. If we are well over this number, we will also just accordingly, focusing on seeing how we can support more people to come.

Fees include training participation, materials and refreshments during the coffee breaks. Accommodation and food are not included and should be paid directly to the hotel.

The concept of set fees and shared economy is fully explained on the website. **If shared economy fee is also out of reach for you, do contact us and we will try to find a solution together.**