



10-13 SEPTEMBER 2026 · SHANGHAI

Art of Hosting & Harvesting Conversations that Matter

"What does it mean to be human at these times?"

The invitation

Join us in Shanghai for the **Art of Hosting and Harvesting Conversations that Matter** training — a fully participatory experience exploring the timeless art of meaningful conversations, guided by an international hosting team with deep experience of the Chinese and Asian context.

Together we will practice holding conversations that matter — for ourselves, our communities and the world. And grow a community committed to bringing more presence, connection and humanity into life and work.

This training is for you if you are...

- Ready for challenging conversations that lead to innovation
- Wondering how to make inclusive decisions efficiently
- Eager to increase collaboration and create a more horizontal work culture
- Wanting to bring new life to a project
- Hosting networks or systemic change initiatives
- Inspired to make an impact on those around you
- Curious about new ways of being and doing
- Exploring dialogue-based facilitation as a life path

You'll experience and learn how to...

- Design, host and harvest engaging conversations and events
- Use models for sense-making in complexity and better decisions
- Design and use powerful questions for reflection and innovation
- Express a style of leadership that fosters psychological safety
- Work with collaborative methodologies
- Connect to a thriving global network of practitioners

Methods you may experience

Circle Way · World Café · Open Space · Collective Story Harvest · Appreciative Inquiry · Four-Fold Practice · Design for Wiser Action · Pro-Action Café · Chaordic Path · Art of Powerful Questions · Art of Harvesting · ...and more

Schedule

Sep 10 (Thu) — 11:00 arrival & lunch · 13:00 training begins

Sep 11 & 12 (Fri & Sat) — Full day training

Sep 13 (Sun) — Training ends 16:00

Location

Urban Island Hotel Shanghai

A peaceful retreat 15 min walk from Lake Qingjiang, close to Anting subway (Line 11). Surrounded by greenery — a great space for learning and reflection.

Accommodation & food

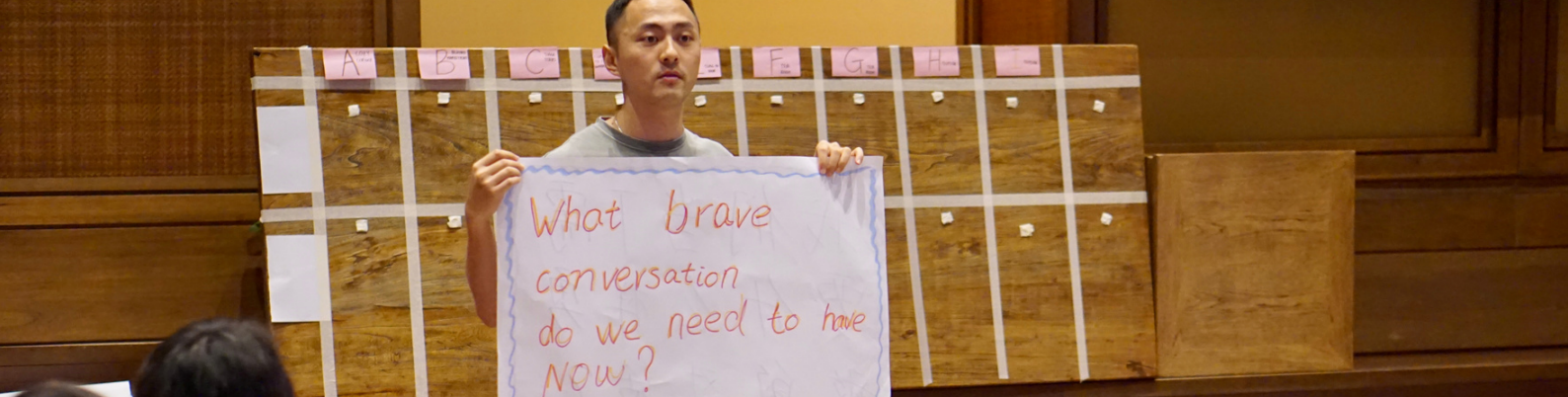
Shared twin rooms included, private room available for an extra fee. All meals (10 total, plus tea breaks) included and plant-based.

Language

Training in English;

Small-group conversations in any language.





Hosting & Organizing Team

A circle of experienced Art of Hosting practitioners and dedicated volunteer organizers holding this training together.

 Caroline Rennie Switzerland · Hosting Team Decades of participatory practice in multi-nationals, organisations, government and communities. Weaving sustainability and participatory leadership to help groups face the challenges of our time.	 Narayan Silva Brazil/China · Hosting Team Sustainability practitioner and AoH host since 2013, based in Shanghai since 2018 through CONSTELLATIONS. Spearheading an AoH community in China as well as APAC.
 Joanna Pyres UK/India · Hosting Team 24 years bridging differences across Asia, Europe and Africa in sustainable development and cross-sector collaboration. Co-founder of Circlewalls and ActforGoa.	 Simon Kubski Canada · Hosting Team Entrepreneur at the intersection of systems thinking, creativity and co-creation. 13 years in China on sustainable urban futures; now on sustainable economy and governance.
 Carol Chou Canada · Hosting Team Corporate professional turned life coach and facilitator, exploring inner sustainability. Met AoH in 2023; practices it as a way of being more human.	 Yiming Zhao China · Hosting & Organizing Team Living in a Shanghai eco-community, grounding in holistic life design and participatory leadership — helping groups tap into their collective wisdom.
 Shiwen Yin China · Hosting & Organizing Team Over a decade in entrepreneurship. Discovered AoH six years ago as a simple way of being where all parts of who we are can belong together.	 Anna China · Organizing Team Co-founder of Mala Improv, bringing applied improvisation into 150+ organizations. Practices deep listening and holds space for what wants to emerge.
 Elaine China · Organizing Team Over a decade in facilitation and team coaching, with a background in branding, culture strategy and corporate universities. Purposeful dialogue as a catalyst for growth.	 Jack China · Organizing Team Co-founder of Mala Improv. AoH taught him to "host yourself first" — deepening the quality of the fields he holds through inner practice.

Participation fee (self-selected)*

Standard	7,600 CNY	Market price; org / dev budget
Basic	6,200 CNY	Limited budget, still contributing
Supported	4,800 CNY	Covers fixed costs; real need

10% group discount for 3+ (standard/basic). Reach out if fees are a barrier.

Cancellation

Full refund by 26 Aug · 50% between 27 Aug – 2 Sep · No refund from 3 Sep. You may transfer your place at no cost.

*Why 3 fee options?

This is a volunteer-run effort: there is no guaranteed fee for anyone in the team. We do this to make it possible for all to join. And - it is six months of work and years of experience that make it possible. We ask that you consider this as you determine what you can contribute.

Register & Contact

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