

# THE ART OF HOSTING WATER DIALOGUES

**WHAT IS IT TO TRULY INVITE DIVERSE PEOPLE - AND PERSPECTIVES - INTO WHAT MATTERS?** This training builds on both the in-the-field experience of water practitioners who come as participants, and the learning Waterlution has gained over the past years of hosting water workshops across the country in a multitude of contexts and often facing varied perspectives on common water issues.

We consciously design and host processes that deepen the dialogue and facilitation skills of participants, by introducing elements of the art of design, mental frameworks to understand how to work with emergence and complexity within groups, and practical tools to support practitioners in convening and hosting meaningful conversations within their own contexts and challenges.

Drawing on The Art of Hosting - a global community of practitioners and a practice in understanding the patterns of community-building beneath methodologies - we will discover and learn the art of the 'host' and how to host the conversations that matter for the health of our water. Over the years, we have discovered and learned that our work is grounded and anchored in the following principles:

To go from fragmentation to connection

To access and use the wisdom derived from our collective intelligence

To ground our actions in that which is meaningful

To be able to listen and lead from the larger 'field'

To shift our patterns of organising and interacting

To link and align our inner and outer worlds

## *your hosts:*

Tatiana Glad is co-founder of Waterlution, principal of Engage! InterAct and also



founder of The Hub Amsterdam. Her work is focused on enabling social innovation and creating conditions for life-affirming leadership to respond to the issues of our society today.

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### By learning to be a 'host'

of groups and spaces from a level of consciousness where one enables people to be as authentic as possible, one is a host of true innovation. We are responding to the momentum of interest among those working on water in some way in their organisation or role who are asking to learn more about how to build the skills and capacities that help them work with complexity and systems-thinking.

The Art of Hosting Water Dialogues is part of Waterlution's contribution to leadership development in our country for the next generation of water leaders. How can we harness the resourcefulness in our diverse approaches to water work?

Experiential in nature, this program invites participants to enter into meaningful dialogues about questions that really matter and learn to design, convene, host and harvest these kinds of conversations. The collective intelligence and wisdom of the group is made visible and utilised. The methods are open, interactive and informal. The essence is to make visible and harvest the (systemic) patterns in a way that makes learning accessible to wider networks, and ground ideals into sustainable, workable solutions within participant contexts. Participants are invited to bring concrete projects and challenges to work with throughout the program.

This 2.5 day deep-dive experience will be adapted to regional and

individual needs as identified through the application process. We invite participants to step forward and practice social technologies for collaboration, so that stewardship of the practice can continue to live through shared regional networks and the participants' own personal and professional lives. Participants will also receive a customised workbook based on the 10 years of accumulated learning, tools, theory and examples from the Art of Hosting practitioners community.

*"The leader in any group is the one who learns from the wisdom of all involved."*

*Sun-Tzu*

### The Art of Hosting Water Dialogues

is offered in 3 locations:

VANCOUVER: Friday April 13 - Sunday April 15, 2012

CALGARY: Monday April 16 - Wednesday April 18, 2012

TORONTO: Friday April 20 - Sunday April 22, 2012

Please note this is a residential workshop including accommodation for 2 nights, and we will be located outside the city. Workshop starts 5pm on day 1; ends 5pm on day 3. Spaces are limited.

For general questions, contact [tatiana@waterlution.org](mailto:tatiana@waterlution.org)

### REGISTRATION

**Deadline January 23!**

Please register by via this [online Application Form](#), after which you will receive confirmation; practical details will follow closer to the workshop times.

We are grateful for support from the Suncor Energy Foundation so that we are able to offer you this workshop at a reduced cost of \$300 (including tax).



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