

You are invited ...



Art of Hosting - Vermont

What if hosting is the way to lead change now?

We believe one way of living and leading in the world is dying and another is being born. Join us to explore how hosting can amplify and accelerate the emergence of fundamentally new solutions in increasingly unpredictable times.

The Art of Hosting is more than just a training program. It is a response to a world that is becoming increasingly complex and fragmented, where solutions and innovations lie not in one leader or one viewpoint, but in the bigger picture of collective intelligence. It is learning to lead from the perspective of the whole system; leading from the future as it emerges.

What are the conversations we need to have with each other to build healthy and resilient communities now?

Personal Leadership - What is the change in me that is needed to create the changes I wish to see in the world?

Mental Models - Berkana Two Loops, participatory process design architecture, long term strategic roadmaps for change



How do we create the conditions for people to disagree and still stay together for the common good?

Through storytelling, conversational methodologies, and playful connections with each other, we will explore:

Participatory Methodologies - Open Space Technology, The World Cafe, Appreciative Inquiry, Peerspirit Circle and more ...

Story - We will share stories from North America and internationally of leading edge collaborative change in community, organizations and large systems.

Harvesting - How can we gather information and capture our learning so it best serves our deepest desires and strategic needs?

Please come ready to fully participate, challenge your own assumptions and take responsibility for what you care about. No spectators!

“Whatever the problem ... community is the answer.”

The Berkana Institute

The Hosting Team

Aerin Dunford is a writer, artist, urban farmer and yoga instructor. She is currently the Sharing Our Learning Director at Berkana. Aerin has a master's degree in Organizational Management with a focus on leadership and change. Since moving to Oaxaca de Juarez, Mexico in 2009 she has been working with organizations, networks and individuals to facilitate dialog and create the conditions for authentic collaboration and participative leadership.

Carla Kimball, M.A., M.B.A. is a public speaking presence coach, a co-housing community member, a photographer and a dancer. In the last 4 years, Carla has expanded her facilitation skills to include large scale community-wide problem solving. Her work invites people into presence and engages all stakeholders in meaningful conversations to tap into the leadership and knowledge that's already there. www.riverways.com



Sergio Beltrán is co-founder of Universidad de la Tierra (Unitierra) in Oaxaca, Mexico. Years ago, he walked out of his life as an up-and coming, young Mexican intellectual to live and work with the Zapatista supporters network. He developed a deep respect for the capacity people have to make a good life for themselves when they are free to take responsibility for their own communities. Sergio is a fierce spiritual warrior who stands for the rights and capacities of people everywhere.

Tim Merry is a long time social entrepreneur, slam poet and experienced facilitator. He works with leaders all over the world to design and deliver participatory gatherings and strategic innovation for the common good. All his work is rooted in creating participatory processes where stakeholder voice is key to creating the systems, structures and services that meet their needs. The rebuilding of our sacred relationship to the land and to each other is a common thread through his life and work. www.myrgan.com

Location:

We will hold our gathering at the Sumner Mansion Bed and Breakfast, 4 Station Road, Hartland, Vermont. Hartland is about 10 miles south of White River Junction.

Accommodations:

Sumner Mansion ((802) 436-3386) is a bed and breakfast with 4 bedrooms (three queens at \$155 and one with twin beds at \$85) and available on a first come, first serve basis. It will be possible for 2 or 3 people (again first come, first serve) to pitch tents on the grounds, but because the water well often gets low in the summer, water cannot be guaranteed for tenters (we'll be using port-o-lets for toilets). A PDF of other local camping grounds, bed and breakfasts and hotels is available on request. Contact Carla Kimball (carla@riverways.com) for further accommodation information.

Cost: \$775 - This includes hosting team, materials and 3 meals a day catering. This does not include accommodation or travel.

Pay what you can and a little bit more:

If you or someone you know should be at this training but cannot pay the full fee, contact Aerin Dunford (aerin@berkana.org) to have a conversation about scholarships and what else may be possible in terms of payment.

Register: www.berkana.org/vermont

Please contact Lizzie at the Berkana Institute with registration questions - lizzie@berkana.org

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