

Dive in with:
 21st Century Town Meetings
 Appreciative Inquiry
 Action Research
 Balanced Scorecard
 Charrettes
 Civic Engagement
 Collaborative Loops
 Community Weaving
 Conference Model
 Conversation Café
 Creative & Applied Arts
 Dialogue & Deliberation
 Drum Café
 Dynamic Facilitation
 Human Systems Dynamics
 Future Search
 Leadership Dojo
 Learning Maps
 On-Line Environments
 Open Space
 Playback Theater
 Polarity Management
 Process Arts
 Real Time Strategic Change
 Six Sigma
 Unconferences
 Visual Recording & Facilitation
 Whole Scale Change
 Wisdom Council
 World Café
 ...and many more

NEXUS FOR CHANGE II

Join a global convergence of practitioners, leaders, activists, social entrepreneurs and scholars committed to the power of participative change methods that transform whole organizations and communities facing 21st century challenges.

NEXUS U (You) — Pre-Conference
Saturday & Sunday
March 29–30, 2008

NEXUS II — Full Conference
Sunday through Tuesday
March 30–April 1, 2008

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Participating thought leaders include:

Billie Alban, Tom Atlee, Emily Axelrod, Dick Axelrod, Jean Bartunek, Peter Block, Juanita Brown, Barbara Bunker, Steve Cady, Tom Devane, Merrelyn Emery, Jonathon Fox, Sarah Halley, Kaliya Hamlin, Peggy Holman, Cheryl Honey, Keith Innstone, David Issacs, Jake Jacobs, Sylvia James, Sandra Janoff, Warren Lieberman, Bill Lennertz, Stewart Levine, Deanna Martin, Holger Nauheimer, Gifford Pinchot, Libba Pinchot, Kristine Quade, Myron Rogers, Jim Rough, Beverly Seiford, Aviv Shahrar, Gabriel Shirley, Paul Tolchinsky, Jane Watkins, Marvin Weisbord, Nancy White, Diana Whitney.

Inquiry- and dialogue-based large group processes that are inclusive and future focused are key to 'the change we long to see.' They enable vibrant conversations and collaboration among people seeking to create a better world. The Nexus is a great opportunity to meet, learn together and take this work to its next level - in practice, research and education. Don't miss it!

Diana Whitney, Ph.D.
 Corporation for Positive Change
 Appreciative Inquiry

Full color brochure available for download: <http://www.nexusforchange.org>

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NEXUS U – A Pre-Conference Intensive

Saturday and Sunday • March 29 & 30, 2008

People are searching to learn specific techniques and principles of participative change methods. They want to connect with others doing large scale or large group work.

The purpose of this intensive is to provide you with a focused experience that will add concrete knowledge to your toolkit for transforming whole systems.

As a Nexus U participant, you will:

- Explore and uncover whole system change principles
- Learn the “basics” of the work – history, framework, theory and research
- Take a “deeper dive” on specific methodologies you choose (pick two)
- Learn the fundamentals for designing large group interventions
- Receive practical suggestions and support on your change initiatives
- Learn with professionals in a small group setting
- Experience the methods live
- Take home specific techniques, designs and checklists you can use the next day

Note: A short list of approaches planned for the deep dives: Appreciative Inquiry, Civic Engagement, Future Search, Open Space, Whole Scale Change, Collaborative Loops & The Conference Model, Creative & Applied Arts (including Visual Recording & Facilitation, Playback Theater and Drum Café), Human System Dynamics, Systems Thinking, and On-Line Environments.

Working on our own, valuable as that may be, we will never have the impact that working in concert on a large scale might have. This conference holds the possibility of clarifying what we are learning and creating transformation in a way we have not yet imagined.

Peter Block
Partner in Designed Learning
Flawless Consulting and Civic Engagement

NEXUS II – A Full Conference Experience

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We live in complex times where it is hard to know what to do.

Good intentions are not enough.

Yet, people around the world are making a difference where they live and work through methods that tap into everyone's intelligence.

The purpose of NEXUS is to share what we know and what we are learning so that all of us are more competent to act in these times.

As a participant, you will:

- Experience whole system change practices in a large and diverse setting
- Obtain practical insights that inspire you to think and act
- Get stretched, refreshed, and affirmed in advancing your work
- Discover synergies through connecting with others in collaborative and unexpected relationships
- Contribute to the growing clarity and solidarity among an emerging community.
- Help advance our collective understanding of:
 - The deeper patterns of this work
 - Its applications in the field
 - Research that informs our theory and practice
- Uncover the collective potential to do together what none of us can do alone

We are more than a community of practice; we are a community of purpose. It's not about what method is best. What lies beyond the methods? What are we all trying to do? What is the common work here? Such a focus can be a powerful attractor of energy, excitement, and enthusiasm on behalf of life and life affirming possibility.

Juanita Brown
Founder, World Café

CONFERENCE DETAILS

Go to www.nexusforchange.org for the latest information – connect with others to share hotels and airport rides.

REGISTER

Online <http://pace.bgsu.edu/registeronline>

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*To download a pdf of the registration form and register by fax or mail, go to

www.nexusforchange.org

For information on disability-related assistance, call 419.372.8181 or 1.877.650.8165.

EVENTS & FEES

NEXUS U

Saturday and Sunday

March 29 & 30, 2008

Cost - \$225

NEXUS II

Sunday through Tuesday

March 30–April 1, 2008

Cost - \$375

Note: *This is a nonprofit event endeavoring to be accessible to as many people as possible.*

VENUE

All events take place at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union except where otherwise indicated. The Bowen-Thompson Student Union has many amenities: a large ballroom, meeting rooms, wireless access, copy and mail center, coffee shop, restaurant, pub, food court, bookstore and more.

Note: Transportation from the hotels to the student union will be provided for the conference.

HOTELS

www.nexusforchange.org

AIRPORTS

Toledo Airport TOL (Ohio), 30 minute drive to BGSU

Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County DTW (Michigan), 60 minute drive to BGSU

Cleveland Hopkins Airport CLE (Ohio), 90 minute drive to BGSU

TRANSPORTATION

www.nexusforchange.org

Ask yourself:

“Am I one of the people who needs to be in the room for this effort to succeed... to enhance my capability to influence the kind of changes I yearn to see?”

If you are, we’re counting on you to show up!

KEY QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

What happened last year at NEXUS I?

More than 330 participants from more than 20 countries gathered in March 2007 at an unprecedented, sold-out collaboration of practitioners, business and community leaders, social entrepreneurs, students, and activists. Synergies were formed and social networks established through conversations, collective sense-making and resource sharing.

View survey results at www.nexusforchange.org.

How will NEXUS II be different from NEXUS I?

We learned much from our first gathering last year. Feedback has led to a group of people committing to help make NEXUS II better with: 1) more intensive focus on tools and techniques, 2) more exposure to thought leaders and founders, and 3) more structured activities blended with open space opportunities. While most conferences offer a set of slated topics in a menu format, this conference is an integrated experience that will encourage participants to experiment, connect, pursue interests and advance ideas. Visit the Web site for more details.

Will I have a chance to meet some of the thought leaders and founders attending?

Yes! These people have a passion for their work and truly enjoy sharing and learning with others.

Many of them will be providing guidance, convening conversations and sharing their wisdom at key points. This was mentioned in the survey as a highlight for last year's participants. You will have a chance to learn directly from a variety of founders and thought leaders through panels, small group discussions, focused sessions, online connections and more.

Which should I attend NEXUS U, NEXUS II, or both?

Each provides you with unique takeaways. NEXUS U is focused on deep dives and the practical execution of whole system change techniques. NEXUS II is focused on integration and connecting of best practices, principles, ideas and interests. Together they combine to offer a comprehensive experience.

What methods and approaches will be emphasized?

Our focus will be on leveraging the power of numerous approaches being used to transform organizations and communities. These approaches are broadly referred to as large-group methods/interventions, whole-system change, or large-scale change. They embody two key principles: high involvement and a systemic approach to improvement.

What will happen after the conference?

An online community exists that allows us to post our work, share information and follow through on initiatives that emerge from the conference. This will be provided by www.gmind.org. Visit www.nexusforchange.org for more information.

AGENDA

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SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
NEXUS U (You) 7:00 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continental Breakfast • Places for Conversation 8:30 am–5:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • The Collective Body of Knowledge • Making Sense of the Methods: Selecting an Approach • Deep Dive I – choose an approach • Deep Dive II – choose an approach • Collecting Best Practice Ideas 	NEXUS U (You) 7:00 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continental Breakfast • Places for Conversation 8:30 am–3:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening • Overnight Insights: Harvest Groups • Mixing & Matching Methods: Designing Change Roadmaps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenges & Issues: Consultive Brainstorm • Book of Learnings: Harvest Groups • Closing & Next Steps NEXUS II 4:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration at Hampton Inn • Enter an Engaging Space 7:00–9:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • History Timeline • Expanding Our Horizons • Report Out 	NEXUS II 7:00 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continental Breakfast • Places for Conversation • Sunrise Sessions 8:30 am–3:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening • Overnight Insights: Home Groups • Evidence Based Design: Making a Case for the Impact of the Methods? • Taking Our Ideas Back Home • Show Stoppers & The Heart of the Work • Collaborative Ventures • “Connecting Ideas & Initiatives” • Book of Learnings: Home Groups • Closing & Next Steps 7:00–9:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinner & Networking • “A Night of Engagement” • Music and more 	NEXUS II 7:00 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continental Breakfast • Places for Conversation • Sunrise Sessions 8:30 am–3:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening • Overnight Insights: Home Groups • Evidence Based Design: Making a Case for the Impact of the Methods? • Taking Our Ideas Back Home • Show Stoppers & The Heart of the Work • Collaborative Ventures • “Connecting Ideas & Initiatives” • Book of Learnings: Home Groups • Closing & Next Steps

NOTE: Breaks and lunch will be provided throughout the conference.

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