
Nexus U 2008

Nexus for Change 2008 Pre-Conference

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Purpose

Practice, understand, and cross-pollinate whole system change methodologies.



Get up close and personal with specific change methodologies and the underlying principles that support them all.

Nexus U participants will work with leaders in the field to:

- * Understand the underlying principles of whole system change methodologies
- * Learn the "basics" about several of the methodologies
- * Take a "deeper dive" on two of the methodologies
- * Learn the fundamental principles of designing a large group intervention
- * Get suggestions and support on challenges you are facing regarding whole system change

Methods @ Nexus U

for March 29-30, 2008 (Draft list as of 2/1/2008)

- * Arts integration - Tim Van Ness
- * Appreciative Inquiry - Diana Whitney
- * Art of Hosting & Harvesting - Chris Corrigan, Teresa Posokony, Tenneson Woolf
- * Civic Engagement - Mag Casarez with Peter Block
- * Community Weaving - Cheryl Honey
- * Conference Model - Dick Axelrod, Emily Axelrod
- * Dynamic Facilitation - Jim Rough, Deanna Martin
- * Future Search - Sandra Janoff
- * Human System Dynamics - Kristine Quade
- * Open Space Technology - Peggy Holman
- * Process Arts Framing - Brandon WilliamsCraig
- * User Centered Design - Keith Innstone, Gabriel Shirley
- * Visual Process Integration - Nancy White, David Sibbet
- * World Cafe - Tom Hurley
- * Whole Scale Change - Sylvia James, Paul Tolchinsky, Beverly Seiford

Nexus U Facilitator Information

what you need to know

- ◆ Thank you for participating as a facilitator at Nexus U 2008! Your participation is helping to spread the use of whole system change methodologies around the world.
- ◆ Nexus U participants will have the opportunity to choose 2 methods for a “deeper dive” that you will be facilitating. Deeper dives are 2.5 hours each, and both happen Saturday afternoon.
- ◆ We have 13 breakout rooms plus a large room that can accommodate up to 200 people.
- ◆ On Sunday there is a “Design Experience” where participants will get a chance to design interventions in small teams for real issues they have brought into the room, using what they have collectively learned the in the Deeper Dives. We want to give them a sense of what it’s like to work with others in a real design situation. We would like you to be available as consultants to this process.
- ◆ **What we need from you ASAP:**
 - ◆ Title and brief description of your Deeper Dive sessions (to be used on-line and in promotional material)
 - ◆ Any space or equipment requirements you have (e.g. flip charts, projector, screen, chair arrangement, etc). We will do our best to accommodate your needs with the BGSU staff.
 - ◆ If you have a maximum number of people that you can work with in these sessions, please let us know for planning purposes.

Nexus U Design

for March 29-30, 2008 (Timing is tentative)

SATURDAY

- * Welcome, Agenda, Introductions, Reasons for coming
(8-8:20) Gabriel Shirley, Steve Cady
- * How We Came to be Here Today – History and core of the work
(8:25-9:15) Myron Rogers
- * Stretch Break
(9:15-9:30) Arts Team
- * Overview of Methods
(9:30-10:45) Barbara Bunker + panel of method facilitators
- * Transition Activity - Choose your methods
(11-11:20) Arts Team + Gabriel
- * Lunch with Method Facilitators
(11:30-12:20)
- * Deeper Dive 1 - Further exploration of a single method
(12:30-3:00) Method Facilitators
- * Insight Break - Take a break! And... Find someone from another session and share a couple of insights
(3:00-3:30)
- * Deeper Dive 2 - Further exploration of a single method
(3:30-6:00) Method Facilitators
- * Quick Wrap-up and Find Dinner Partners (Dinner on your own)
(6:05-6:30) Gabriel Shirley, Arts Team

SUNDAY

- * Welcome to Nexus U, Day 2
(8:00-8:25) Gabriel Shirley, Steve Cady
- * Design Experience (working in teams with real participant issues;
method facilitators available as consultants; self-break as needed)
(8:30-12:00) - Bev, Myron, Gabriel, Emily
- * Lunch & Design Presentations
(12:00-1:25)
- * Consultative Brainstorm
(1:30-2:20) Beverly Seiford
- * Closing - Heart of the Work
(2:30-3:00) Beverly Seiford

Nexus II Registration starts Sunday 4pm