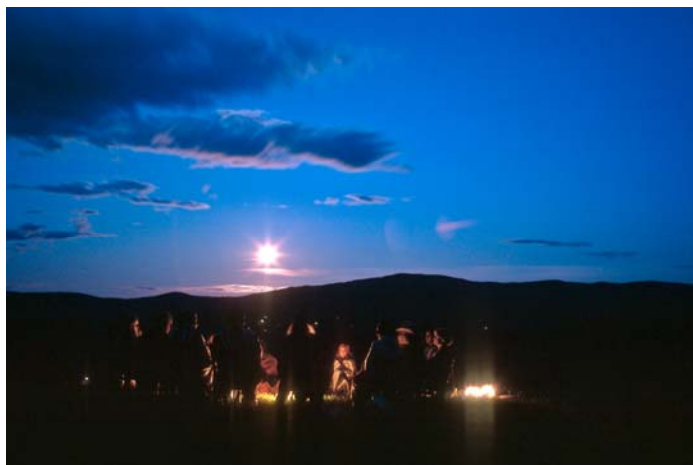


TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP

An Introduction to Whole Communities Work

A 4-Day Workshop at Center for Whole
Communities, Fayston, Vermont

August 30-September 2, 2010



What forms of leadership are most required by this moment in our nation's history? How do we be the courageous leaders most needed by our community, our coalition, or our organization?

This open workshop is a rare opportunity to spend time at Whole Communities' learning center, Knoll Farm, while doing a deep dive into the theories and practices of leadership development now commonly referred to as "whole communities work." This is the perfect workshop for staff and board members of our alumni, and for community leaders and philanthropists who have heard about whole communities work but have not yet had the chance to jump in and experience it.

Over the past 10 years much of the progressive movement's leadership development work has been focused primarily on personal transformation – What is my purpose? What is my vision? While we deeply value and embrace the work of personal transformation, Whole Communities work is about rooting that transformational experience in the context of work across sectors and difference. We equip leaders to fully engage in the communities that they live and work in. What emerges from this work is spiritual awareness, reciprocal transformation and the skills and desire to work in innovative cross-cutting ways that foster deeper cultural shifts.

WHAT WE OFFER

The Transformational Leadership Workshop will help you to understand how the success of your work is bound up in the success of other efforts; how to create cross-cutting alliances that transcend the very real divides of race, class, power and ideology which keep accelerated change from happening; how to establish courage, creativity and compassion as highest forms of leadership; and how to nourish and support the individual leaders who are carrying today's burdens of change.



Shorter in length than our Whole Thinking Retreat Program, this 4-day workshop offers a strong introduction to our theories of change and to the experiences and practices of our land-based learning center at Knoll Farm . The workshop will center around such core leadership practices as the power of story; the skills of movement-building, and dialogue, and it explores the changing demands of leadership today.

WORKSHOP FACULTY

Peter Forbes is the co-director and co-founder of the Center for Whole Communities. He has been facilitating workshops on the process of transformational leadership for many years and brings a great deal of thinking and skill to this process.

Tom Wessels is a forest ecologist and teaches at Antioch Graduate School of New England. He has been on the Center's faculty since our early days, and has facilitated many of our Whole Thinking fellowship retreats. He brings a great deal of knowledge of natural systems to bear on the question of how might our society move forward at this challenging moment in history.

Viveka Chen is a consultant specializing in multi-stakeholder collaboration, facilitation, and organizational development. Since 1990, she has worked with low-income communities of color and their allies using community development and community building as a means of realizing community well being and racial, social and environmental justice.

DETAILS

This workshop takes place at Whole Communities' primary land-based learning center, Knoll Farm in central Vermont. It starts at 3 pm on August 30 and ends at 11 am on September 2.

Tuition is \$550, with all meals and accommodation included. Meals are hearty and extremely fresh, prepared from food grown at the farm and nearby. Accommodations are in small personal yurts or tent cabins. Much more information can be found on our website (wholecommunities.org), or feel free to call us with any questions (Lauren Oleet, Program Manager, 802-496-5690; Lauren@wholecommunities.org).

ABOUT CENTER FOR WHOLE COMMUNITIES

Founded in 2003, Center for Whole Communities has earned a national reputation for encouraging new movements for change by working directly leader-to-leader, week after week, to create the conditions, tools and experiences to foster stronger, more innovative change-making efforts. We hold a unique strategic position as a bridge between diverse groups, and we take on many issues that in the past have created divides. We directly support through training and network-building more than 1,000 leaders working in 400 organizations and communities in 47 states.

