

# ART OF SOCIAL INNOVATION

participatory leadership in times of change

3 day training // CSI Annex, Toronto // October 30- November 1, 2013

**LEARNING IN COMPLEXITY**



**THRIVING IN CHALLENGING SYSTEMS**

**WORKING WITH DIVERSITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

**In Toronto and beyond, people are pioneering new ways of doing things. In these times of change, uncertainty, and complexity in the world - there is no map. We need to know how to connect with each other, projects, organizations, communities - and ourselves - to make a better world a practical reality.**


**THE COMPLEXITY WE ARE FACING IN THE WORLD RIGHT NOW IS PUSHING US TO ASK SOME NEW QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW WE ACT, WHAT OUR ORGANIZATIONS DO, AND HOW TO RESPOND:**

How can we increase our capacity to learn?

How can we thrive in complexity & shifting systems?

How can we create initiatives for social innovation?

How to work with relationships, difference & diversity?



**JOIN US FOR THIS 3 DAY  
TRAINING IN 'THE ART OF HOSTING'  
AS PART OF A GLOBAL LEARNING  
NETWORK OF PARTICIPATORY LEADERSHIP.**

# WHAT IS ART OF SOCIAL INNOVATION?

AoSI is an intensive 3 day experiential training that focuses on convening strategic conversations as a driver for development and change. The methods, practices and theories used throughout have been developed by the Art of Hosting community of practice. These approaches scale up leadership from the personal to the systemic using personal practice, dialogue, facilitation and the co-creation of innovation to address complex challenges.



## WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Learn practical, participatory tools for self-organizing and harnessing collective wisdom for groups of any size — including: chaordic project planning, world cafe, open space, pro action cafe, and more.
- Learn how to work within the systems all around us, to see how systems are shifting and explore how to thrive in complexity
- Immerse yourself and your team in a supportive and co-creative space.
- Experience the connection between personal transformation and the capacity to create change in the world.
- Connect and learn with a community of leaders working to bring change into diverse settings in Toronto and beyond.
- Explore tools for resilience and systems change.

# THIS TRAINING WILL EXPLORE ::

How we can use **METHODS** and **PRACTICES** of collaborative & participatory leadership to connect social innovation efforts, learn from one another, and address the complexity of the challenges facing communities & organizations today?



## THIS IS FOR **PEOPLE** WHO:

- are seeking practical tools and methods to integrate into their work and lives
- want to increase their capacity to learn
- need to work with diverse voices and invite real diversity into their work
- are ready to develop their own capacity, & the capacity of those doing good work around us
- are embracing the work it takes to make a better world a practical reality
- see that making a better world cannot happen in isolation

# HOSTING TEAM

## RACHEL CAROLINE DERRAH



A serial collaborator, Rachel hosts projects in Canada and Europe that invite diverse perspectives into conversations that matter. Based in Halifax, her work with AoH tools and practices has included large-scale civic gatherings to design public spaces, participatory budgeting for municipal funds, cross-sector unconferences, PechaKucha Nights, idea incubators, and interactive public art installations. She is learning to open spaces that invite us to bring our passions into the world. [www.thecolab.info](http://www.thecolab.info)

## CHRIS CORRIGAN



Chris Corrigan is a global steward of the Art of Hosting. For 20 years he has worked with organizations and communities in North America and beyond to help address complexity using dialogue and participatory leadership processes. He blogs and collects resources at [www.chriscorrigan.com](http://www.chriscorrigan.com)

## SOPHIA HORWITZ



Community process artist and social entrepreneur, Sophia has spearheaded transformation projects in Latin America, Europe, Turkey, Canada, and Japan. Through participatory processes, Sophia engages multi-stakeholder groups around complex issues ranging from social innovation, to neighbourhood placemaking, and sustainable development. A weaver of relationships, Sophia builds trust between disparate parties, her specialty lies in facilitation, strategic planning, and cross-cultural communication. [www.thecolab.info](http://www.thecolab.info)

## VIOLETTA ILKIW



Violetta is a seasoned facilitator, leading organizational change & participatory decision-making processes with communities and organizations. For the past 13 years, she has also acted as senior consultant to the Laidlaw Foundation, bringing design, innovation and collaborative tools into their work with young people. She experiments with emergence and ways to implement wide-scale social innovation. Violetta is currently diving into a study of Deep Democracy pursuing a Masters in Conflict Facilitation and Organizational Change.

# ORGANIZING TEAM

## SATSUKO VANANTWERP

Satsuko is the Manager of Social Innovation at Social Innovation Generation (SiG), where she co-creates with lab practitioners to create legitimacy and structure for the nascent field of laboratories for social change. Satsuko holds an MBA in Social Entrepreneurship and is an avid blogger about social innovation and systemic change via [thinkthrice.ca](http://thinkthrice.ca).



## JENNIFER CHAN

Jennifer is a design strategist aiming for design-driven community engagement in a practice of human-centered design and systems changes, by being process-oriented, creative and focused on social impact. Jenn's work can be found at [www.exhibit-change.com](http://www.exhibit-change.com) or on twitter @jennzia



## LOGISTICS

Location ::	CSI Annex Space// 720 Bathurst Street, ING Presentation Room (Ground Floor)
When ::	October 30th - November 1st, 2013
Register here ::	<a href="http://www.AoSIToronto.eventbrite.com">www.AoSIToronto.eventbrite.com</a>
More Info here ::	<a href="http://www.exhibit-change.com/?page_id=335">www.exhibit-change.com/?page_id=335</a>
AoH Webiste ::	<a href="http://www.artofhosting.org">www.artofhosting.org</a>

## COST

**This price includes tuition, material, breakfast, lunch, & snacks**

\$900 for corporate  
\$750 for non-profit  
\$650 for youth/student

15% off for groups of 3 from the same organization.

If you have a strong passion to attend but cannot afford it please email [rachel@thecolab.info](mailto:rachel@thecolab.info)



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