

Working with Open Space Technology

Advanced Skill Building Workshop of the Genuine Contact™ program
22-24 October 2019 Washington, USA



Driven by the urge to hold better meetings I followed the invitation to the training. Soon after I facilitated several OST meetings. Within short time the climate among colleagues has transformed and people collaborate and support one another. I recommend this training - the trainers guarantee inspiration and rich learning. "

- Eda Ursula Maurer

High School Teacher, Berlin, Germany

Developed by Harrison Owen, Open Space Technology taps into the spirit of an organization like no other large or small group intervention can. It is used around the world to enable organizations to

learn and achieve beyond their expectations with a simple and even playful approach. Based on clear principles and values, Open Space Technology creates an environment for innovation, problem solving, creativity, teamwork and rapid change.

You can learn to "open the space" to engage the full energy of your workforce, to inspire growth and exceptional performance, and to flow with the chaos that will inevitably strike when rapid change is required again.



This highly participative training is for you, if you want to:

- **Learn about Open Space Technology (OST)**
- **Experience and practice** OST during the training
- **Learn to design OST meetings**, that serve the identified needs
- **Develop your understanding of the essence** of OST to guide you in your facilitation practice
- Get introduced to powerful **Genuine Contact tools** that support you and your clients in preparation
- Learn how to **clarify givens or non-negotiables** in order to create the best conditions for the OST
- Use Genuine Contact tools to **debrief and follow up** after the OST to **ensure sustainable results**
- Explore how to use OST as a catalyst to **transformation organizational culture**



Including
preparatory activity
1h individual mentoring
3 hour follow up
meeting online

Registration & Information

Dates: 22-24 October 2019

Location: Cherry Hill Park - 40 minutes from Washington D.C., USA

Training price: 1300 \$ Corporate; 1100 \$ Small Business, Individuals (excl. VAT & Accommodation)

Student and artist discounts are available.

10 % Discount if you register as a team or Genuine Contact Member .

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All information: <https://truthcircles.com/open-space-washington/>

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"A simple three day course has given me access to the most powerful tool for meaningful self-organization that I know of, one which blows my mind away. And thanks to the way we practiced during the course, I left feeling fully confident to work with it (and have started to do so - hurray)"

– Jantine Wijnja
Social Activist, Netherlands

An Invitation by the Open Space Institute - US

The Open Space Institute - U.S. is proud to host this Open Space Technology training with these long term members and practitioners in the Open Space community. Although we believe there is no requirement to take a training to learn Open Space Technology, it helps to learn from experience. And these trainers bring you decades of valuable practice and presence. We believe your own practice will be generously accelerated by playing with them to explore and practice the key ingredients in hosting your own Open Space Technology events, and especially your conduct and mindset which are the most important ingredients in holding space for others.



Who are the Trainers?

Two highly accomplished Open Space facilitators and Genuine Contact trainers Anna Caroline Türk (Germany) and Thomas Herrmann (Sweden) are joining forces to offer this training. They have assisted organizations such as Volvo, Dropbox, Soundcloud, City of Gothenburg, Stena Line, and Karolinska Institutet.

They have worked with OST since 1998 and 2001 including multiple trainings per year and many facilitations.

They also have been teaching and practicing Genuine Contact, which includes Open Space, for developing cultures of leadership as a path to organizational success.



What is the Genuine Contact program?

The Genuine Contact™ program was birthed by Birgitt Williams from her experience of using OST as a effective tool to foster a culture a leadership and responsibility throughout the staff in a company she lead. "Working with Open Space Technology" is an advanced facilitation module of the Genuine Contact program.

The Genuine Contact™ Program provides a blended, synergistic, holistic approach to change and to leadership. It is not about a big quick splash but rather about developing the skills, knowledge, and capacity to sustain the ongoing organizational change necessary to thrive in today's constantly changing, complex times.

