



## Art of Hosting Conversations that Matter

### Fall 2014 Workshops in Normal, IL

The **Art of Hosting Conversations that Matter (AoH)** is a simple yet powerful set of practices for leading change. AoH works on the premise that when we work together on what truly matters to us, we are wiser, more committed to the end result, and have greater capacity to sustain our efforts. It is a participatory approach that enhances a group's capacity to think, learn, and act wisely in our rapidly-changing and complex world.

#### Hosting 101: The Basics of Hosting Conversations October 9, 2014

This learning experience is an introduction to (or review of) basic art of hosting concepts and practices. More than a general introduction, this is a practical, experiential workshop that will expand your understanding of what it means to host and how it relates to the way you lead in your community or organization. We'll look at some of the underlying assumptions and principles of hosting as well as fundamental practices that you can begin to use right away. We'll also explore the difference between hosting and facilitating and when each is most helpful.

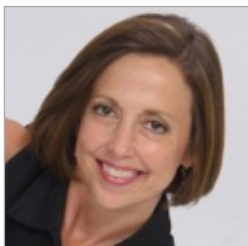
Register at <http://hosting101.eventzilla.net>

#### Hosting 201: Deepening Your Hosting Practice October 23-24, 2014

This learning experience is an opportunity to deepen your art of hosting practice. Hosting is considered a practice because it requires intentional and ongoing effort to be skillful. We will explore key concepts, skills, and practices related to each of the first three folds of the 4-Fold Practice Model: Hosting yourself (knowing yourself and being present), being hosted (being skillful at conversation), and hosting others (creating the conditions for collective wisdom, shared understanding, deep engagement, and wise coordinated action).

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*See the next page for more on these workshops.*



#### Your Learning Host: Christina Foster

As a process artist, learning facilitator, thought partner, and concept developer, I support groups' innate capacity to think, learn, and innovate together. Central to my approach is **Participatory Leadership**, **Strategic Dialogue**, and other change processes that engage groups in meaningful conversations and collective learning that can lead to **Collaborative Innovation** and action. I am a steward of the Illinois Art of Hosting Community of Practice. Visit my website to learn more.



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## More about Hosting 101

- Gain new insight about how to engage others in meaningful conversations that promote shared understanding, engagement, and sustained collective action
- Explore the basic relationship between leadership and hosting
- Learn the difference between hosting and facilitating
- Expand your toolkit with core hosting concepts and practices

**Who:** Beginners or AoH practitioners who want to review the basics of hosting.

**When:** October 9, 2014; 8:30 am arrival and continental breakfast; 9:00 am – 4:00 pm program

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## More about Hosting 201\*

- Explore the inner work of being a host
- Examine how your beliefs about leadership influence your hosting practice
- Learn key dialogue concepts and skills that shift conversations in productive ways
- Identify essential ways of thinking, being, and doing that are central for hosting

**Who:** AoH practitioners who want to deepen their skill

**When:** October 23-24, 2014

Thursday: 9:30 am arrival and continental breakfast; 10:00 am – 5:00 pm program

Friday: 8:00 am arrival and continental breakfast; 8:30 am – 3:30 pm program

Register at <http://hosting201.eventzilla.net>



**Where:** Both events will be held at a cottage in Normandy Village (1100 N. Beech Street, Suite 12A, Normal, IL). Formerly the Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's School, this suite is cozy and has limited capacity so register early.

Hosting 101	Early Bird by 9/9/14	Regular by 10/3/14
		\$115

Hosting 201	Early Bird by 9/23/14	Regular by 10/15/14
		\$225

Hosting 101 + 201	Early Bird by 9/23/14	Regular by 10/3/14
		\$305

**Advanced registration is required.** Fees include continental breakfast, lunch, snack and materials.

Register for Hosting 101 + 201 at the same time through either of the event registration links and save an extra \$35.

**Cancellation Policy:** 30 days notice: Full refund less \$15 processing fee; 29-15 days notice: 50% refund of registration fee or 100% of registration can be applied to another workshop offering; 0-14 days notice: No refund.

Registration fee may be applied to another workshop offering.

*\*The 201 workshop builds on 101 content with minimal duplication. 101 is recommended prior to 201 for anyone who has not attended an AoH retreat or who wants a review of AoH basics.*



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### Other Workshops Coming Soon:

- Hosting Conversations that Matter using Dialogue-based Methods
- Getting to Shared Understanding and Collaborative Innovation through Dialogue
- Designing Meetings for Engagement and Action
- Leadership for an Evolving World

**Contact me if you would like to bring one of these workshops to your area.**