

Chat Protocol, June 16th 2009; Edited by Ulrich Soeder

" Skype Conference Call:

Dialogue, Leadership, The New Face of Community "

Participants: Valerie Abl, Chris Chopyak, Ilona Christl, John Herge, Amy Lenzo, Charles Savage, Sabine Soeder, Ulrich Soeder

Check-In

Amy Lenzo 19:08: Valerie is interested in how we can create inclusivity - through conversation, through dancing - the movement in and out. Totally with us in terms of what we're trying to do and happy to contribute where she can.

Chris grateful for the team, and excitement building - great conversation with Pierre - it's going to be hard to cap this event at 50. People who've heard about the World Cafe and now looking for more!

Sabine - so exciting to feel the energy in Geneva - a different sort of professional there. We need a place that takes at least 50 people - there is a big need I feel out there, a big request for this theme

Ulrich - Petra can't be here because of a workshop, but we'll keep her in the loop. A friend of hers told us about a prize available that there are very few people applying for. A challenge is "who" is applying for this prize, so in the end we decided to do nothing but it was really stimulating to think about it. Maybe we can think of other funding ideas, but I had a great conversation with Petra about it, and built our relationship deeper. I'm tuned in to this.

19:13: Ilona - happy to be with us and grateful for the "coincidence" that led to my knowing about it. There are ideas here in Germany already - people involved with Ken Wilber - organizing something in August. Been working with them on using the World Cafe format.

Sabine Soeder 19:14: Charles Savage would like to join us

Amy Lenzo 19:18: Charles will be in Vienna on Saturday doing a WC on educational reform in Austria. Very unique design - moving the cafe out of the hall into the park

Cchopyak 19:19: Charles - can you let me know how this goes in Austria - we have a preliminary meeting with the US Dept of Education in the US and i would love to "show" them and example of how this could help them get some focus and direction.

Summary of the conversation between Amy and the board of the World Café Community Foundation (Tom Hurley, Juanita Brown, David Isaacs, Anne Doscher), by Amy

Sabine Soeder 19:19: Fabulous talk with the board of the foundation, Tom, Juanita, David and Anne - full report.

a lot of excitement - who should be part of this

invitation to partner to give support ? A part of a larger inquiry about the role of the Foundation - what's the most appropriate role all over the world

what will happen in Europe will be perfect for other thinking partners in different countries... Part of an inquiry about how the foundation partners and support and working with different kind of communities

real recognition real clarity

a dialogue - recognizing what's happening in Europe - have a conversation - bottom aligned values - possible places - who should know about places - very positive!

next step: skype call with the foundation

excitement on the top to go beyond the World Café

to join in alliances with more people

[Result: Very positive resonance of the WCCF. Next step: Collective Skype Conversation before June 26. Finding ways how to partner / role-modeling partnership]

Possible locations

19:29: Brussels - no reaction - there is a meeting at the end of June - so very busy - There isn't enough space for graphics

Sabine Soeder 19:30

a place close to Stockholm -

Geneva area - four leads - access to nature - a hotel - wired to connect via online - good food and wine

Alexander Schieffer - a new space in Geneva - can host a Café til 80 persons

Pierre - a place outside of Paris

Arhus

Toke Muller

to consider getting a co-host from something like Kaos pilots based in Copenhagen

Amy Lenzo 19:39: Kaos Pilots might take on logistics

Val 19:40 : Out of Copenhagen a good location

venues: Co-hosting maybe great - for logistics a third partner -

Bilbao failed about logistics - lack of soul - so if we can work with some one who can give support for the logistics

[Result: The location is not found yet. We might have to craft the invitation with leaving the location open and invite everyone to think about and find a good location.]

The finetuning / wording of the title

Ulrich Soeder 19:46:

V1. Dialogue, leadership and the new face of community

V2. Dialogue and Leadership: The New face of community

V3. Dialogue and Leadership: The New Faces of Community

Ilona Christl 19:56: touching each other in a nurishing way,

Amy Lenzo 19:56: Charles - we have the language that we will need for the depth we want to see in our conversations with one another. It's more than talking about things that matter - it's FEELING about things that matter - an honest community where we recognize we don't know all the answers - we are exploring this realm of community together. We're re-establishing a sense of community

Valerie Abl 20:03: Another version for title is Dialogue & community- the new faces of community. Sorry dialogue and community- the new face of leadership

Amy Lenzo 20:04: Community, Dialogue, and the New Face of Leadership

Cchopyak 20:05: This idea of co-leadership is intriguing but is it not our desired state? do we have co-leadership right now and how to dance in leadership right now?

Ilona Christl 20:05: Dialogue and Community, the new face of leadership

Amy Lenzo 20:05: Dialogue, Leadership, and the New Face of Community

Cchopyak 20:06: Ulrich - by changing the words around, we change the relationship between the words - does dialogue and leadership drive community? Is this about leadership - I would prefer to stay with and focus on community

Ulrich Soeder 20:07: Dialogue and Leadership: Co-creating the new face of community

Ilona Christl 20:07: I think that a different era of leadership creates a different way of

Co-creating a new face of community resonates with me

Ulrich Soeder 20:09: Dialogue and Leadership: The New face of community?

John A. Herge 20:09: I think that there's more to community than just dialogue and leadership. It is not the only two elements that create the new face of community. What about service? What about governance? What about law, policy, procedure...

We don't want to dilute the aspects of community here. We also don't want to infer that dialogue and leadership are creating community.

Ulrich Soeder 20:10: Dialogue and Leadership: The New Faces of Community?

Ilona Christl 20:11: I would still prefer leadership and dialogues: the new faces of community, because I think it's the change in leadership that leads to...

John A. Herge 20:11: Should a community have more than one face in this instance?

Amy Lenzo 20:12: Two faced!

John A. Herge 20:12: Yin & Yang. Comedy & Drama

Ilona Christl 20:15: I have to check out my dear friends, may be we should share the dates of the gathering, which is 16.-19 of October as far as I know.

I wish you an energizing continuation and look forward to see the plant growing.

Amy Lenzo 20:15: John - we're having a great debate about the best way to characterize the theme and title of the event

Leaving it vague opens up lots of dialogue in the event itself

Amy Lenzo 20:19: Dialogue and Leadership: The New Face/s of Community

Ulrich Soeder 20:20: Dialogue and Leadership: The New Face of Community?

Amy Lenzo 20:20: The language of our invitation says the new FACE of community but the illustration shows a diversity of faces

[Result: The title of the meeting will be: »Dialogue and Leadership: The New Face of Community?«]

Next Steps

Amy Lenzo 20:23: Next Steps: Amy to send Chris the introduction to Toke. Set up a Skype call with the Foundation to see who else might be included to make it a powerful invitation. Continue the search for a location.

Whis is the "we" who is calling the invitation to the gathering?

Ulrich Soeder 20:23: Who is we? Next steps?

The conversation ends around 20:30.

Next steps (notes from after the call)

- The next skype call: June 26, 19 o'clock CEST (Berlin)
- Get Petra in the loop (Ulrich). Chat Protocol / Summary
- Having a skype call with the foundation before June 26
- Everyone thinks about who to invite; the preliminary list will be shared in the inner circle; Invitation will be shared in the blog (Ulrich)
- Everyone: Thinking about how to invite for the meeting. We should be able to decide for one version during our next skype call, even when the location is not found, so that people can block the date.
- Everyone: Thinking about the next steps and how each can contribute.