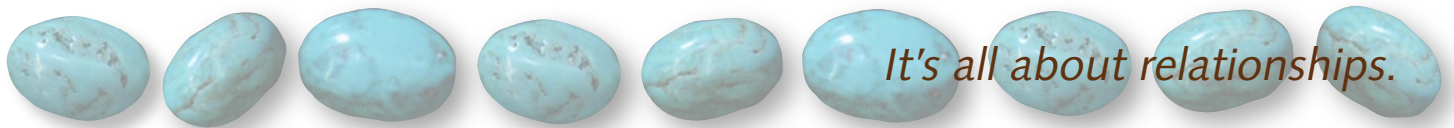


The Center for Relational Learning presents
LEARNING IN COMMUNITIES
 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
 JANUARY 6-9, 2008 · SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO



It's all about relationships.

CONFERENCE THEMES

Using a range of learning models centered on building shared capacity to engage in dialogue, participants will explore:

- Personal narratives
- Story-telling of successful communities
- Celebrating histories
- Case-studies of community action
- Dialogue between cultures and traditions
- Networking events
- Time for personal learning & reflection

PROGRAM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6TH

Welcome

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| 2:00 PM | Registration |
| 6-8 PM | Welcome Reception |
| 6:30 PM | Opening remarks |
| 6:45 PM | Indigenous Welcome: Aztec Dance Group, Circulo Solar Ollin Xochipilli |
| 7:15 PM | Mingling |
| 8:00 PM | Dinner in Santa Fe |

DAY ONE: MONDAY, JANUARY 7TH

Equity, Inclusion & Social Justice

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| 7:30 AM | Breakfast |
| 8:30 AM | Inspirator: Laura Chapman, "Listening to the Hard to Hear" |
| 9:30 AM | Follow-up discussion led by Dr. George Otero |
| 10:00 AM | Conference Learning Protocols by Professor John West-Burnham |
| 10:30 AM | Morning break |
| 11:00 AM | 'What is Learning in Community?' Resolana Time |
| 2:00 PM | Inspirational Presentation |
| 2:45 PM | Selection of workshops on Community Learning |
| 3:45 PM | Afternoon break |
| 4-5 PM | Academic Workshop option |
| 5-5:45 PM | Reflection led by John West-Burnham & Dr. George Otero |
| Evening | Free for networking with new friends |

DAY TWO: TUESDAY, JANUARY 8TH

Schools in Community

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| Morning Focus: Learning & Wisdom in Indigenous Community | |
| 8:30-9:15 AM | Inspirational Presentation |
| 9:15-10:30 AM | Selection of workshops on the theme of 'Learning in Indigenous Culture' |
| 10:30 AM | Morning Break |
| 11:00 AM | Resolana Time |
| 12:30-1:30 PM | Lunch |
| Afternoon Focus: 'Schools Learning in Communities' | |
| 1:30-2 PM | Inspiration: Maggie Farrar, 'Challenge & Questions' |
| 2-3:30 PM | Selection of workshops 'Schools Learning in Community' |
| 3:30-4 PM | Afternoon break |
| 4-5 PM | Resolana Time: 'What is the role of social capital?' Or Academic option session: 'What are the implications for research?' |
| 5-5:45 PM | Review & Reflection with Professor John West-Burnham & Dr. George Otero |
| 7:00 PM | Conference Celebration Dinner & Dancing —Playful & Informal! |

DAY THREE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9TH

Personal Resilience, Capacity Development, Sustainability & Leadership Nourishment

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| 9:00 AM | Inspirational Presentation |
| 9:45 AM | Selection of workshops 'Leading Learning in Community' |
| 10:45 AM | Morning break |
| 11-12 PM | Resolana Time |
| 12-1 PM | Review & Reflection with Professor John West-Burnham & Dr. George Otero |
| 1:00 PM | Lunch |
| | Formal Conference Conclusion |

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LEARNING IN COMMUNITIES INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE JANUARY 6-9, 2008

Join us in the beautiful, historic city of Santa Fe, New Mexico for a dynamic three-day international conference. This is a unique opportunity for community educators, community leaders, and community developers to share learning experiences, hopes, and values, and expand our vision for developing meaningful and engaging educational communities.

In addition to institutional and community-based professionals, leaders of indigenous communities in Australia, New Zealand, and The Americas will lead inspirational talks and facilitate sharing between participants from a variety of cultures. Through workshops, seminars, case-studies, personal sharing and reflection, participants will seek to respond to the following challenges:

What are the different forms that community might take?

How do we move from learning in the community to a learning community?

How do communities secure inclusion, equity, and social justice?

What can be learned from traditional communities?

How can we nourish leadership and build personal resiliency and sustainability?

UNIQUE EXPERIENTIAL DESIGN

This exciting event is much more than a conference. It is an interactive, experiential opportunity to learn through building a community in action. The traditional conference structure of keynotes, workshops, and seminars will be enriched by multiple opportunities to create and engage with varied communities according to participants' specific interests and needs. Participants will study community by being a community and enabling a community to emerge.

HELIX STRUCTURE

The conference themes will be focused into two broad areas, resembling the strands of a helix: the open community learning strand and the directed conference strand. The space in between the strands allows for open, expansive and reflective thinking and greater flexibility of delivery to meet participants' diverse backgrounds and individual learning needs. Emphasis will be placed

on diversity, inclusion, and the role of creative arts in community building, especially music, dance, and the visual arts.

SPECIAL CONFERENCE FEATURES

Inspirational Presentations will be challenging, thought-provoking, and invoke new conversations throughout the conference learning community.

Resolana Time will be provided each day for reflection and interaction to promote deeper personal learning and networking. Resolana is a Spanish term for the warm side of adobe buildings where people gather to talk. Themes, critical questions and facilitated conversations will also be available at this time.

Personal Sharing/Case Studies of community learning will be included in workshop options to highlight participants' work and successful experiences.

Academic Focus Sessions for formal credits will be offered in the afternoons.

Reflective Table Sessions will conclude each day to help the community summarize its learning.

CONFERENCE LOCATION

Santa Fe, New Mexico is one of the world's most distinctive and creative cities located at 7,000 feet in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. Known as the "City Different," Santa Fe is a place of varied cultures and diverse Hispanic and Native American traditions.

The conference will be held downtown at the historic La Fonda Hotel (www.lafondasantafe.com), located just steps from museums, galleries, shops and restaurants. La Fonda is offering a reduced conference rate of **\$100 USD** per night single/double occupancy. Please call the hotel directly to book your room (1-800-523-5002). Ask for the group rate under Learning in Communities International Conference. Reservations must be made by **December 1, 2007** to receive the discounted rate.

Santa Fe is located an hour's drive north of the Albuquerque International Airport, which is serviced by all of the major U.S. airlines. Visit www.cabq.gov/airport for shuttles and rental car services available from the Albuquerque airport to Santa Fe.

Visit www.relationalearning.com/intl_conf for more travel information.

ABOUT THE CENTER FOR RELATIONALEARNING

The Center for Relational Learning (CRL) is a highly experienced international group of consultants that works with individuals, schools and communities throughout the world. Using the theory of Relational Learning™, CRL delivers programs which focus on the three most significant factors in determining the success of a school and its students: the quality of leadership in the school and community, the effectiveness of relationships between the school and community, and the integrity of the learning experience. Recognizing that education is a community partnership, our transformational work promotes quality learning and teaching relevant to a 21st century global society by developing interdependent relationships within schools and between communities.

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PRE & POST CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Join us 3 days before and after the conference for special activities, cultural tours, and school & community visits. The discounted \$100/night room rate at La Fonda Hotel will be offered for these six days, based on availability. You may select from the options listed below or create your own adventure.

Organized Options for January 4th, 5th, 10th, 11th

Choose from four place-based tours including:

Taos, Northern New Mexico—a creative community leading the way in innovative learning in community practice.

Native Lands and Indigenous Communities—a brief immersion into learning in Native American communities.

Urban Responses, Albuquerque Metropolitan Area—an exploration of community-based responses in challenged urban communities.

New Mexico Rural Revitalization Initiative—see first-hand rural revitalization projects in diverse rural New Mexico communities that exemplify Learning in Communities practice led by schools.

January 10th & 11th: Workshop 'Leading Learning Communities'

A post-conference two-day workshop, 'Leading Learning Communities,' will be offered by the Center for Relational Learning. This event will be co-facilitated by Professor John West-Burnham and Dr. George Otero and will explore and develop the understandings, challenges and opportunities that this style of leadership embraces.

Enrollment and details regarding these activities can be found on the conference website: www.relationalearning.com/intl_conf.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

School/Organization: _____

Title/ Position: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Are you interested in learning more about pre and post conference activities? Yes _____ No _____

Special Interests/Comments: _____

CONFERENCE FEES

The \$695 fee includes registration, a welcome reception and dinner, three breakfasts, two lunches, and informational materials. Registration does not include lodging, airfare, or transportation to and from the airport. Register now and receive the Early Bird Special of \$545 (a \$150 savings). Offer ends September 15, 2007.

Please make checks payable to Las Palomas and mail registration form to:

Center for Relational Learning/Las Palomas
1322 Paseo de Peralta
Santa Fe, NM 87501

For credit card payments, please register online at www.relationalearning.com/intl_conf.

*Cancellation Policy: A refund (minus a \$100 administration charge) will be given for cancellations received before December 1st, 2007. No refunds will be given after this date, but substitute participants are welcome.

If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Ferraro (relationalearning@gmail.com) or Sue Goodwin (goodwinsue@gmail.com) or call our offices at 505.983.1469.