



# Art of Hosting and Harvesting Conversations that Matter - UK

How might the practices of hosting  
and harvesting conversations that  
matter best serve at this time of  
polarisation and discomfort?

Register at:  
[www.aohashburnham.co.uk](http://www.aohashburnham.co.uk)

A 3 day residential Training **18th-20th March 2020**  
at Ashburnham Place, East Sussex, UK

## Why now?

In these times of polarisation and complexity our usual ways of operating appear inadequate, and our established systems can feel unfit for purpose, under strain, or close to collapse.

In the face of multiple interconnected issues (personal, local, national and global), we need to learn how to navigate the uncertainty and create new futures together. This requires each of us to participate and be in conversation to discover new responses. We need to explore and practise fresh approaches to: being together, listening to one-another, and collective sense-making so that we can work with the needs of the present and call in the potential of positive futures.

*How might we cultivate the confidence and capacity we need in ourselves and each other to respond with generative dialogue, curiosity and wise action?*



## What is the Art of Hosting...

[www.artofhosting.org](http://www.artofhosting.org)

The Art of Hosting and Harvesting Conversations that Matter (AoH) is a practice of hosting space for meaningful dialogue which is used by thousands of practitioners all over the world. It provides ways of relating well together so as to enable wiser action and brings together a suite of participatory processes that embrace diversity, work with emergence, and combine to offer an operating system for genuine collaborative practice and enquiry. AoH is not an organisation but is sustained by an active and growing global community of practice.



### WHERE:

In the beautiful surrounds of **Ashburnham Place in East Sussex**, with fully catered, private en-suite accommodation.  
[www.ashburnham.org.uk](http://www.ashburnham.org.uk)

### WHEN:

Arrival and welcome **evening on Tuesday 17th March** through to the **afternoon of Friday 20th March.**

## What this training offers...

This three day highly participatory training will give you tools, skills, and practices to bring your whole self into the practice, it will provide you with :

- An understanding of the living-systems perspectives which underpin these practices.
- Tools and skills for hosting along with insight into the artistry of the practice itself.
- Experience and grounding in methods including Open Space Technology, World Café, Circle Practice, Design for Wiser Action and many more.
- Connection to a community of practice that can resource you in your ongoing journey.
- Opportunities to be coached and step into the practice of hosting within the training itself.
- Space to reflect on questions of importance to you in the tranquil 220 acres of Ashburnham.





## Meet the team...

The team for this training has a wealth of international experience as hosts, facilitators, practitioners and trainers working with communities, NGOs, businesses and public sector bodies (click on each name for more info).



**Maria Scordialos** is a co-initiator and global steward of the Art of Hosting, creating safe dialogue spaces where people meet in their humanity to face complex challenges. She works within European Institutions and social movements, in the public, private, non profit and community sectors.



**Linda Joy Mitchell** is a serial collaborator, coach and global steward of the Art of Hosting. She crafts and hosts meetings, gatherings and training spaces for personal, collective and systemic transformation. with over 40 years experience working alongside social movements, the 'more than profit' sector, and EU Institutions.



**Phil Marken** is an innovator, inventor, art of hosting practitioner and committed disciple of gathering well. Working in UK, Ireland & Europe hosting and crafting learning spaces for public and third sectors, activists & community champions. Bringing 15 years of passion for social business, youth leadership, the arts and climate action.



**Liane Fredericks** is a playful conspirator who enables accelerated solution workshops for businesses. Her journey into participatory process and experiential learning started with her MSc in sustainability and leadership in 2008. She loves colours, cats, and kids books.



**Jon Dorsett** is a visual facilitator and participatory learning practitioner. He works with groups, organisations and communities to develop and communicate individual and collective understanding through creative means.



**Jamie Colston** is working within, outside and in-between systems and organisations to design, curate, weave, facilitate and catalyse possibility and hope. He has been an Art of Hosting practitioner for 7 years, and loves to dance wildly.



**Gordon Carmichael** is an experienced practitioner dedicated to the practice of the Art of Hosting and committed to helping others keen to build their capacity through education and practice. He has worked in public service for forty years and has been embracing his passion for Participatory Leadership in Primary Health Care for the last decade.

**COST:** includes all accommodation, meals, refreshments, and training materials.

**£950** - Private or Public Sector / **£850** Early Bird till 31st January 2020

**£750** - Independent / **£650** Early Bird till 31st January 2020

We want to make this training accessible for as wide a group as possible. Therefore if cost is a barrier, we would invite you to be in contact with us to see what might be possible.

We ask for a 25% deposit to secure your booking (details will be sent once you register), with the balance due by Monday 3rd February 2020.

**REGISTRATION:** please follow this link [www.aohashburnham.co.uk](http://www.aohashburnham.co.uk)

**CONTACT:** To discuss lower rates, or for a conversation about any aspect of this training please be in touch with:

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