



The Practice of Peace

Embracing Chaos, Confusion and Conflict

Not Just Another Peace Conference

Peacemakers from Israel, Palestinian territories, India, Colombia, U.S. urban communities and Haiti will join other youth and adult mediators, facilitators, business leaders and community coalition builders to share methods, issues and opportunities for global, regional, organization and inter-community peacemaking.

Open Space is a method for convening people for true dialogue even amidst high passion and potential for conflict. Whether at school, at work, with friends, or at home, Open Space offers us more possibilities for peace. This gathering invites you to share your experience with others, and for us all to learn from each other how to use tools and knowledge for the "practice of peace" — within organizations and communities; between nations, segments of society, and individuals; and within ourselves.

November 9, 7:00 PM – November 12, 5:00 PM

The Whidbey Institute, Whidbey Island, Washington

This unique conference, inspired by Harrison Owen's recently published book, The Practice of Peace:

- ❖ brings together one hundred plus people from around the world to explore ideas, share insights, and create projects and world-wide networks
- ❖ is a multi-generational gathering, inviting full and equal voice for youth and elders of all cultures and races, gender, classes and sexual orientation
- ❖ enables self-organization - including opportunities for youth self-determination - using Open Space Technology for maximum learning, creativity and synergy - engaging in our own highly effective practice of peace
- ❖ addresses the urgent need to identify tools and share knowledge that can be applied locally and globally to make meaningful strides toward peace, as each participant takes home and applies new learning directly to their work, their communities, and their lives

The human and intellectual openness of the Open Space promoted attentiveness and helped the two sides abandon the positions in which they were respectively entrenched, in an effort to connect one with the other and develop an awareness of the individual hardships perpetrated by the conflict. - Peera Chodorov, Sr. Advisor to former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres

To enrich the gathering, invited OST practitioners include youth and elders of different races and cultures who are bringing their experiences of living and working in regions of war and conflict. These guests include

Tova Averbuch & Avner Haramati (Israel) pioneered Open Space Technology in Israel in 1999.

Susan Coleman (U.S.) is an international conflict resolution expert.

John Johnson & Gladys Clark-Johnson (U.S.) pioneered Open Space for social justice in urban communities.

Carol Daniel Kasbari (Palestinian in Israel) is a facilitator for Israeli Palestinian groups in conflict.

John Engle (U.S. residing in Haiti) brought Open Space Technology to organizations throughout Haiti.

Harrison Owen (U.S.) originated Open Space Technology in 1984.

Pablo Restrepo Saenz (Colombia) uses Open Space with a negotiation process in violent conflicts.

Arun Wakhlu (India) opens space for peace and prosperity in India, Pakistan, and Kashmir.

Fees: Tuition, meals, and conference materials included. Accommodations are not included.

☞ Individuals with for-profit support: **\$750**

☞ Non-profit supported individuals and individuals without organizational affiliation: **\$450**

☞ Students: **\$350**

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