



Facilitating Whole System Methods: The World Café and Open Space Technology

This training is designed for consultants, facilitators, and anyone interested in learning about facilitating whole system methods.

Topics Covered:

- The common principles of Whole System Methods
- How Whole System Methods align with recent research on how the brain works and strengths-based approaches to change
- The benefits of using Whole System Methods such as The World Café and Open Space Technology
- How you can use Whole System Methods for both strategic and action planning
- How to craft invitational and appreciative questions

Participants will have opportunities for hands-on practice in: facilitating, writing strengths-based questions, developing agendas, selecting methods, and more.

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Sarah and Cassandra have facilitated using these methods and conducted trainings with a wide variety of organizations, including staff and volunteers from the United Way of Southern Arizona, Arizona Early Education Funded Regional Partnerships, First Focus on Kids, Girls Inc. of Southern Arizona, Pinal Gila Community Child Services, Inc, and grantees and staff from several Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) funded programs.

What participants have told us about their experiences learning these methods:

“A highlight for me was learning new skills and techniques from everyone in the training including the processes of Open Space and World Café in theory and practice.”

“ Participating in the Open Space Process was a highlight for me, and seeing the beauty of a flexible process within a structured process.”

“I feel newly inspired around positive meeting processes! I have the tools for better planning that will lead to broader and creative thinking (and the scientific links to the why!)”

For more information about these methods go to:

www.openspaceworld.org and www.theworldcafe.com