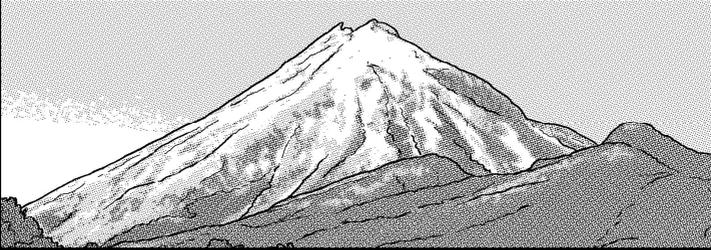


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HOW COMMUNITIES AWAKEN

Tu Tangata Whenua
Masterclass for Active Citizenship

exploring

Civic Engagement

Tangata Whenua and Community Development

*Liberation and Regeneration
of our Community Sector*

Ko te kai a te rangatira, he korero.

Heoi ano, he aha te tohu o te rangatira, he mahi.



This wananga is a strategy for building community around our common intentions for the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Taranaki.

Our four-month learning journey is an exploration of how we can better develop our communities, and how we can build the capabilities of ourselves, and our local organisations to meet the changing needs and challenges of today.

In these hard times of cutbacks and austerity measures affecting all areas of community and iwi action ... we want to renew our commitment to the insights, creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship that active citizens — tu tangata whenua — contribute to Taranaki, to New Zealand, and to the world.

WHAT TO EXPECT

At the heart of our activities are our reflections, questions, conversations and learning together about the possibilities we can imagine and create for our communities.

The korero on this learning journey is a little different in that the conversations are aimed at building community while also exploring the nature of the accountability and commitments that make things happen.



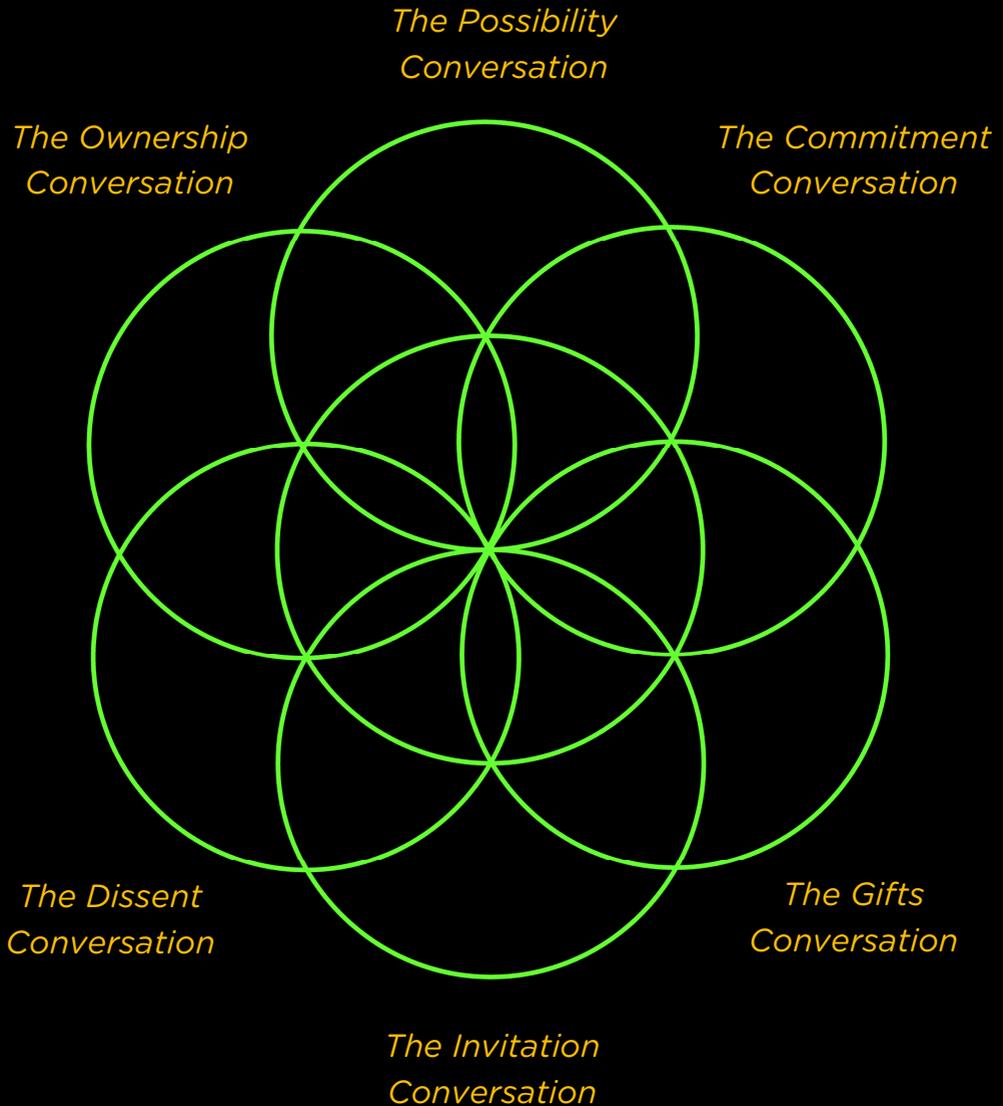
WHAT YOU WILL NEED

Courage, Curiosity and Commitment

Our transition towards common goals isn't always a straight forward process, and constant movement back and forth is normal. Entering into this Masterclass type of learning requires curiosity, commitment, and courageous korero.

CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER

“ If we want to change the nature of our communities, then we need to change the nature of the conversations we are having with one another.” — Peter Block



CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER

“ Conversation is the natural way we humans think together.”

— Margaret Wheatley

1. The Invitation conversation.

Transformation occurs through choice, not mandate, and an invitation is the call to create an alternative future.

2. The Possibility conversation.

This focuses on what we want our future to be as opposed to problem solving the past. It frees people to innovate, challenge the status quo, break new ground and create new futures that make a difference.

3. The Ownership conversation.

This focuses on whose organization or task is this? It asks: How have I contributed to creating current reality?

4. The Dissent conversation.

If you can't say 'no', your 'yes' has no meaning. Genuine commitment begins with doubt, and 'no' is an expression of people finding their space and role in the possibilities.

5. The Commitment conversation.

This is about making promises to fellow citizens about your contribution to the success you want to achieve.

6. The Gifts conversation.

Rather than focus on deficiencies and weaknesses, we focus on the gifts and assets we bring to make the best and highest contribution.



THE COMMITMENT

This four-month Masterclass involves a weekly commitment which includes a 3-hour workshop session every fortnight and an appointment each fortnight with another member of the group.

all background study resources are provided.

THE COST

Participation is by invitation.

Places on this four-month learning community have already been paid for by previous participants in this course, by the sponsorship of Community Taranaki and Tu Tama Wahine o Taranaki



THE MASTERCLASS JOURNEY

ONE-DAY INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

(9am-10.30am) Whanaungatanga over Breakfast

(11am-3pm) Citizen and Community Workshop (lunch provided)

FORTNIGHTLY CONVERSATION WORKSHOPS

(all workshops 9.30am - 12.30pm)

The Invitation Conversation

The Possibility Conversation

The Ownership Conversation

The Dissent Conversation

The Commitment Conversation

The Gifts Conversation

The Action Conversation

Wrap-Up and Next Steps Conversation

FORTNIGHTLY APPOINTMENTS

meeting up with other members of the group



WHAT PARTICIPANTS SAY

“The Masterclass has given me a fundamental change in headspace about my work in the community.”

“I definitely feel more empowered. I don’t feel so persecuted by different agendas, and instead I am asking, What’s got my name on it?, and thinking, I can make a difference here.”

“I felt very inspired, brave, incredibly powerful, and have left the Masterclass with a clear direction.”

“The diversity of the group is a real asset. I valued the opportunity to hear other people’s stories that I don’t hear in my normal community connections.”

“The Masterclass is in giving people a shared language to talk about community approaches to development. And if we don’t use this language, we will lose it.”

“It has made a great difference in all my conversations. I now ask harder questions, and push harder for community-based perspectives.”



“The Masterclass really made me stop and re-analyse all my work, particularly the place of social services versus real community engagement.”

“I enjoyed the bi-cultural aspect of the workshops, and felt that the Maori leadership was particularly inviting, generous and respectful in opening up windows to Te Ao Maori for the non-Maori in the group.”

“The facilitation was really good, focused and helped participants become comfortable with the material and opened up the space for reflection.”

“I feel I am now more able to sit back and look for possibilities in some rather negative situations, also make more of an effort to think differently when conflict occurs.”

“I felt challenged about just how well I include diverse opinions and ways of working in my projects, and how to draw other people into a real community process.”

“The Masterclass has made me ‘feel more like myself’ than I have for a long time.”

How Communities Heal

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Community Taranaki

fostering active citizenship
and generous engagement
on our most important issues in Taranaki.



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