



## **AUTHENTIC EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP *LEADING FROM THE EMERGING FUTURE***

A Fellowship of experienced colleagues led by Gerard Dowling, Peter Westoby and others from Community Praxis Co-op

Moving beyond previous Community Praxis Co-op programmes, this is an intensive five-month journey of engagement and encounter towards the deepening of our leadership in organisational, community and social practice underscored by traditions and sensibilities that offer guidance for our praxis in challenging times - including Rabindranath Tagore, David Whyte, bell hooks, Martin Buber, Paulo Freire, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe and Peter Senge.

An intensive journey as part of a 'community of practice', aimed at developing the faculties and understanding necessary to deepen your capacity for leadership in reflective community and social practice.

A programme that observes the rigour of academia whilst challenging its ways of thinking and engages learning through a practising community.

### **The Idea**

To build community and a robust reflective community and social practice, courage is needed  
courage to go within (soul-work) so that we may work without,  
courage to act by becoming ever more receptive, to feel the world  
arise or fall inside our own bodies;

courage to work on our thinking, moving it towards the dialogical  
and participatory,  
and to recognise the heart as a phenomenological organ of  
perception,  
to experience our bodies as our way of relating  
courage to work with others on refining our practice,  
courage to challenge the very grain and gesture of our times.

### **The Modality**

A community of practice that convenes for four one-day sessions, spread over five months - that commits itself, each and every one, to completing readings and reflective journals during the intervening weeks, sharing deeply of self and practice, through writing, through reading and study, through reflecting together (perhaps small groups), through bringing field practice into the room under the tutelage and in the presence of Gerard, Peter and others, who will dedicate themselves to holding, challenging, drawing this community onward, and resourcing its engagement with a rich body of literature.

### **The Content and faculties**

To start the Fellowship, you'll be invited into a courageous and vulnerable exploration of what soul-work means for us as leaders in our workplaces and communities, perfectly poised on the early edge of 2020, coming together with experienced colleagues for a day in January.

Then we will journey into a challenging space of examining our practice and leadership anchored firmly in the wisdom of dialogical and participatory traditions of community and organisational development. This will be a pre-Easter deep dive.

For that April month of turning towards Autumn we will invite you into a phenomenological social practice, underpinned by a Goethean sensibility. We will explore, appreciate and affirm our most authentic selves as artists of the invisible applying subtle skills of delicate activism to our roles as organisational and community leaders.

May will have arrived, and we will stand on the solid foundations we have established and explicitly explore how we can share what we

have learned with our people, staff and colleagues through creative and engaging group processes of leading learning organisations that are willing and able to be deeply engaged with the emerging future.

### Further Information

#### TIME:

Four one-day sessions, 8.30am-4.30pm, to be held several weeks apart.

The first session on soul will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020.  
The second session on dialogical and participatory practice is on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020.  
The third session on phenomenological social practice is on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020.  
The fourth and final session on creatively engaging others in building an authentic effective learning organisation is on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

#### PLACE:

TBD venue in inner Brisbane

#### COST:

Given our intention to grow and strengthen this community of practice that it may root ever more deeply and thrive well into the future, it has been decided to make the cost as inclusive and accessible as possible.

After much discussion and deep reflection, the Fellowship is offered at a total cost for the four sessions of \$990 +GST.

Please note: this includes reading materials, and lunch and morning tea on the 4 days the fellowship gathers, but excludes all travel and any associated accommodation costs for those coming from afar.

If this invitation resonates with you, please contact us as soon as possible with your intentions, affirmations or questions – at this stage, the programme depends on your prompt response.

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