

SEDA One-Day Workshop

What is Open Space Technology?

Wednesday 17th October 2007

City Campus, Sheffield Hallam University

or

Tuesday 23rd October 2007

ACU, Woburn House, London WC1



Open Space Technology (OST) is a more creative way of running meetings and other events, though is not necessarily suitable in all situations. It runs on two fundamental principles: passion and responsibility, to engage those involved and ensure that things get done.

In this workshop we will present OST, through experiencing it in a pure form as designed by its originator, Harrison Owen, and then consider how the principles might be applied in other situations.

Our experience is that OST can be challenging, creative and fun. It can produce more imaginative outcomes than traditional meetings and involve everyone in devising and taking responsibility for resulting actions.

Aims

- to give participants the opportunity to experience Open Space Technology (OST) as a way of running more creative sessions
- to reflect on the principles and practice of OST and consider the situations in which it might be best used and how to deal with problems
- through individual activity, co-consultancy and feedback, and plenary discussion, to enable participants to develop a plan for using OST in their own context

Draft Programme

10.00	Registration and refreshments
10.30	Introductions and briefing
11.00	Experiencing OST
12.00	Reflections on OST - individually, in pairs and plenary
12.45	Lunch
1.30	A second opportunity to experience OST
2.30	Individual planning, co-consultancy and feedback
3.00	Refreshments (taken during the session)
3.30	Final discussion - issues and lessons
4.00	Depart

Workshop facilitators:

The workshop will be facilitated by Helen Bulpitt and Ranald Macdonald.

Ranald is Professor of Academic Development and Head of Strategic Development in the Learning and Teaching Institute at Sheffield Hallam University. He is Co-Director of the Centre for Promoting Learner Autonomy, a National Teaching Fellow and Chair of SEDA's Research Committee as well as being a SEDA Fellowship holder.

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