

**You are invited to
The Bethel Summer Institute:
An Appreciative Inquiry Colloquy*
15 to 18 July, 2010**



IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME! Come and join us for spirited learning at The Appreciative Inquiry Colloquy in Bethel, Maine – the first Bethel Summer Institute where we co-create a learning community full of conversation, deep dialogue, continuous discovery and broad networking with colleagues, AI practitioners and “elders.”

The Colloquy, convened by The NTL Institute of Applied Behavioral Science partnering with Appreciative Inquiry Consulting, will bring together participants in the NTL/Case Appreciative Inquiry Certificate Program, guest speakers, and all others who are interested, curious or enthralled about Appreciative Inquiry, including those working globally to create a positive change revolution, to share knowledge, practices and innovations under development in the AI community

**Colloquy = a conversation;
buzz-session; chat; clam-
bake; confab; conference;
debate; dialogue; discourse;
discussion; seminar;
schmoose!*

When: The conversation, connecting and learning begins Thursday 15 July at 4:00 p.m. and concludes Sunday 18 July at 1 p.m.

Who should come: You! If you want to learn from the broader positive change community, share your own experience with AI or other positive change processes, and, build your network of positive change colleagues, **this Colloquy is for YOU!**

Why Bethel? There is no place as magical or as historic as Bethel, Maine for building relationships and providing the space for deep learning. Fun facts from history:

- **1947:** Behavior scientists, including Kurt Lewin, Ken Benne, Lee Bradford, and Ron Lippert, created a summer learning community in Bethel. This location became a “cultural island” dedicated to experimentation and discovery about human behavior and change in human systems.
- **1950’s:** The learning community led to the creation of the National Training Lab (NTL) and to the emergence Organization Development (OD) as a “profession.”
- **1960’s:** The first PhD program in organization behavior was developed at Case Western Reserve University. It was at Case that Appreciative Inquiry grew into an articulated theory through the work of David Cooperrider and his colleagues.
- **1980’s – early 1990’s:** Case Western’s continuing relationship with NTL led to NTL’s offer of Appreciative Inquiry workshops for OD professionals.
- **2010:** You will come to Bethel to continue to help create history!

Why YOU? Join us to expand our knowledge and practice of AI and explore other processes from the revolution in positive change!

- Share ideas with others – bring your cases, offerings to share and/or attend learning sessions;
- Connect and communicate with a wide network of people who share your passion for this work;
- Help yourself and others to expand ways of thinking about positive change in organization development and to widen our understanding of what is possible; and
- Become part of a large network of people committed to positive change as a generative and creative gift to the world.

Cost: \$500 per person, this includes the lunches.

Location: Bethel Inn Conference Centre,
Bethel, Maine

Where to stay:

Bethel and the environs offer housing in Bed and Breakfasts, group houses; the Bethel Inn, local motels, and hotels, and the Sunday River Ski Resort complex:

Additional information about how to find housing is on the NTL web site.

Registration: Go to www.ntl.org to register today! Alternatively: contact Amy Herman: aherman@ntl.org

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The happenings: What happens during this gathering in Bethel will largely be the creation of those who join in this experience. Come with the intention to share your experiences, to connect with colleagues, and to listen to and learn from others. Tentative Agenda:

Thursday, July 15

3:00 pm Registration
4:00pm Connecting
6:00 pm GROUP DINNER (TBC)
7:30 pm Opening Ceremonies, Open space & "Fireside Chat"

Friday, July 16

7:30 am Sunrise seminar
9:00 am Connecting session
10:30 am Open Space – Sharing our learning, experience and ideas
12:00 LUNCH
3:00 pm Open Space
4:00 Report out plenary
6:00 pm Dinner (on your own)
7:30 pm Impromptu "Fireside chats"/TV Night

Saturday, July 17

7:30 am Sunrise seminars
9:00 am General Session
12:00 LUNCH
2:00 pm Open Space
4:00 pm Report out plenary
6:00 pm Dinner (on your own)
7:30 PM Extemporeaneous Events

Sunday, July 18

7:30 am Sunrise seminar
9:00 am Last Open Space/Guest Speaker
11:00 Closing Plenary
12:00 Final Lunch
1:00 pm Adjourn the Colloquy (Including Debrief)

To register: Go to www.ntl.org to complete registration form and make payment.