Call for Submissions: Virtual Technology - The Wholeness Principle Accelerator

Topic: Technology and the Wholeness Principle:

Hosting a webinar or virtual event, or creating a podcast is easier than ever. At the same time, there is also a great need for human connection, wholeness, and the ability to bring diverse and broad groups of people together for positive change. This environment is the perfect accelerator for Appreciative Inquiry (AI) practitioners to intentionally evolve using new online technologies and virtual tools. Technology is defined as the sum of tools, platforms, techniques, skills, methods, and processes used in the production of goods or services or in the accomplishment of objectives, such as an appreciative inquiry. Our focus for this 2021 edition is specifically online, virtual technologies.

We are interested in exploring how the capacity to integrate technology into AI has evolved since the 2008 issue of AI Practitioner which focused on the digital shift, and how you are using technology today to enhance and improve your ability to engage the "whole system."

The emergent Appreciative Inquiry (AI) Wholeness Principle will be fundamental to this issue: "Wholeness brings out the best in people and organizations. Bringing all stakeholders together in large group forums stimulates creativity and builds collective capacity."

We want to know how you are considering race, global inclusion, class, generational differences, and access when choosing your technology partners and tools, and what has worked the best in your work.

The articles and submissions will focus on the process of incorporating the emergent Wholeness Principle into your work and the results you have achieved through technology, rich content, virtual connection, and amplifying generative change online. We would also like to create a reference tool to showcase the technology that is working well in today's climate.

Ideas for Contributions (from your research, practices, and experiences):

- Have you used technology to deliver AI practices, processes, tools, or principles such as a Summit, SOAR, AI communications (e.g., news, research), etc.?

- Are you an expert in technologies who can articulate how to evaluate designs, products, and platforms for ease of use and accessibility in applying AI?

- How has technology enabled or amplified more diversity, equity, and inclusion in your AI work?

- Do you have a story about how technology has amplified your ability to evolve in your AI work?

- Do you feel technology is necessary for today's AI facilitators?

- Are you familiar with an AI practitioner, or are you one, who has flourished in the virtual space and want to highlight this work?

- How is technology relevant to the Wholeness Principle?

- What have you learned in using technology to bridge global or intergenerational gaps in your AI practice?

- What is your dream for the future of technology and AI practitioners?

- The digital divide is real. Technology has and can amplify systemic exclusion. How have you been able to change this reality, bridge the divide, address systemic equity with technology and AI?

Ways to Contribute:

We are looking for articles that connect your work with technology incorporating the Wholeness Principle, how you have been successful, advice and dreams for how we can continually evolve AI work through the use of online tools and platforms.

The final written submissions will range from 500-2000 words. Art and graphics should be in high resolution and ready for publication. Poetry should be formatted for publication. Video links are also encouraged.

Making a Proposal / Draft:

Are you as excited as we are to share this information and dive into how technology will embrace and lift up our work in the future of this virtual / blended space? We look forward to hearing how you intentionally enact the Wholeness Principle in how you choose and apply virtual technology. We are so excited to hear what you are already doing!

Submit Proposal via our online form: https://forms.gle/eyUT2yAMUvjGZz6x7

Important Deadlines:

02 April 2021:   Proposal or Overview/Outline of Contribution

18 June 2021:   First Draft Due

31 August 2021:   Final Draft Due

October 2021:   AIP Editor will provide you a press proof copy before article goes to print

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