

Upcoming Workshop May 1-4, 2019

At the Lotus Training Centre, Den Bosch Holland

Open to aspiring new leaders in social, political, new-business and environmental change. Change-makers with a strong inner calling. Change-makers that will shift the current global paradigm and will function as a catalyst for harmonizing our relation to the planet. Human-beings who aspire to become the change they want to see in the world. The grass root leaders for the 21st Century.

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Leadership Matters: 21st Century Visions and Capacities Facilitated by Dr Marcus Bussey and Lisette Smulders

Leaders in the 21st Century are at a loss. The old models are failing us everywhere and no clear direction is emerging to guide future leaders in ways that sustain and nurture them. Increasingly people are working at the grass root level to shape their futures. Such grass root leaders of course often draw upon old models of leadership and run the risk of becoming the mirror of the forces they are challenging. Increasingly however, a new form of leadership is emerging.

Such leaders have clear values, a moral and inclusive vision of the future and a sense of hope. They also have skills in terms of knowledge relating to the systems available to them in the world to achieve change and the creativity to think beyond systems when they constrain our capacity to achieve just and sustainable outcomes for their communities, for the planet and for themselves.

The Leadership Matters workshop scheduled for November 14-17 is a four-day process that takes attendees through exercises that will enable them to reflect on their values, vision and sources of hope. It will also look at the knowledge-base for successful leaders in

the 21st century.

In the Leadership Matters process we will develop a sense of the open-ended potential of leadership as a process of working collaboratively on the key issues faced by people and planet today. Sarkar's vision of a Neohumanist society in which the voices of all beings are honoured is one important dimension to this work as is the need for leaders to be self-sustaining and inspiring. The work of Sara Parkin is also a source of guidance and acts as an invitation to both current and future leaders:

To be most effective most quickly you need keep four wheels turning simultaneously: your self-knowledge and broad general knowledge; how views about how the world works shape what people believe and do; the quality of your relationships with others; and various tools to sustain your personal learning and to improve the capacity of sustainability-literate action in others. Ultimately, your learning should translate into your own distinct leadership model or 'persona' which guides your behaviour and the actions you take.

What to Expect

This workshop series explores leadership as an art form which engages us both as individuals and also communities. It moves through four stages looking at leadership contexts, exploring tools for leading (and following), recognises that leaders are many and varied and that understanding our leadership style is key to facilitating strong compassionate leading and turns finally on the last day to the calling of leadership in the 21st Century.

The workshop recognises that leadership has a spiritual dimension and that this element of leadership is often not recognised in leadership studies. Consequently, this workshop brings in specific terms from the yogic tradition to stimulate reflection on leading. It also includes daily meditation sessions to charge our days with a spiritual flow. One aspect that is key to this workshop series is the role that the collective plays in leader development. Positive leadership works on developing one's internal reflective abilities along with a deep commitment to serving the world.

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