



POSITIVE iNTERACTiON

Conflict Transformation through Group Conferencing

Three day Professional Development Training

Presenters: Dr David Moore and Dr Alikki Vernon

Heritage Room: University College

Melbourne University

Dates: Wednesday 26th – Friday 28th April 2017

Time: 9:30am – 4:30pm each day

This workshop provides 3 days of training for professionals who are practising, or interested to practice, in the field of conflict transformation. The workshop focuses on the process of **Group Conferencing**, which is used to address significant conflict affecting a group of people. Workshop participants will:

- examine methods for dealing with challenging situations in the justice, health and education systems, workplaces &/or other communities;
- analyse situations that can be addressed with effective dispute handling or conflict management techniques;
- acquire facilitation skills that are applicable in many areas of professional practice; &
- practise facilitation techniques through small group exercises.

This training meets the Best Practice Standards developed by the Victorian Association of Restorative Justice (VARJ) for training in Group Conference facilitation.

Workshop fee: \$1 500 for three days.

All days are fully catered.

Reduced rates are available for group bookings.

For further information, and for registration and payment details,
please contact Alikki Vernon: alikki@alikkiv.com.au



FEEDBACK FROM RECENT PARTICIPANTS

"If you have an interest in Group Conferencing or in transforming conflict or supporting people to move forward from a family, group or community breakdown, this training would be extremely useful, in terms of having a model that can be learned and applied and is shown to be effective. Great presenters; very focused training; no down time. Concrete, practical, directly relevant."

Charmaine Farrell
Manager
Northern Centre Against Sexual Assault

"The three day workshop took me on a journey through emotion, understanding and insight. The approach of "practice by doing" is simply great. You sit observing others and listening to the outstanding coaches, David and Alikki, but it is actually when you get to practise yourself - which this workshop enables you to do so well - that you truly learn, and adjust your approach. Conferencing is different to mediation, and mediation is different to negotiation. Each has its own internal logic and is used in different situations. It was difficult to walk away from empathetic lawyering, which is crucial as a legal aid lawyer, and difficult to shake the habit of summarising key points, as you do in mediation. It was immensely useful to practice the different skills required to be an effective conferencing convenor. The workshop offered all the necessary opportunities for reflective practice, and I would highly recommend it to others."

Dr Liz Curran, Senior Lecturer
Legal Workshop and solicitor
Australian National University

Conferencing offers exciting opportunities for the transformation of workplace conflict by bringing together the people involved in, and impacted by, conflict to address and resolve the issues. I found the workshop challenging, thought-provoking and inspiring. The trainers are skilled and engaging, and the training content is an effective balance of theory and practice.

Meriel O'Sullivan
REDD HR/IR Consultancy

"I found the training extremely useful and fun. Until I facilitated a session during the training I had been unaware of the power of the group process to bring about change in such a decisive manner. I would recommend this training to anyone thinking about running group sessions, regardless of the way they are described."

Carolyn Worth
Manager
South Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault

"The training breaks your brain and you will love it!"

Genevieve Higgins
Senior Group Conferencing Convenor
Jesuit Social Services