

David Whyte

Life at the Frontier: Navigating the Difficult Transitions of Life and Leadership

25th September 2009

A day for leaders, consultants, coaches and anyone else involved in leadership and change

"The Beyond Partnership invites you to a special workshop with David Whyte focusing on the difficult frontiers of life and leadership. David will look particularly at the transitions we must navigate during our present stormy but necessary economic reordering, especially the way we need to reshape our identities into more adaptable and freer forms, not only to prosper but to live a life that can grant us some measure of happiness. This is a day to look at the challenges and increasing difficulties each of us face when we take on more responsibilities or move into bigger understandings, and most especially for those times when we become more and more visible to others and therefore more vulnerable, whether it be in our organisation, our society or in our daily lives."

Paul King & Marie Faire

Every new stage in the life of an individual, organisation or society announces itself initially through difficulty, confusion and a profound sense of losing anchorage. We experience this both as individuals attempting to move into the next stage of our life, and as leaders attempting to shoulder larger responsibilities in the organisation. As citizens we all feel our sense of society being enlarged into a bigger global conversation.

In the midst of these ever growing and challenging complexities, how do we navigate these rough waters, and above all have a decent life; a life worth living, in the midst of it all?

"The language used in the workplace is too small for the territory we must enter in order to create a successful company or a successful individual work-life."

David Whyte



Through the insights of poetry and the poetic tradition, David looks at the part of us that in a way, already lives, 'over the horizon', beyond the boundaries our experience and inheritance might have set for us. He looks below normal business definitions of the imagination as the ability to think up new things and looks to a deeper interpretation of the imagination as a much larger faculty of 'belonging'; a way of making a home in a living, unstoppable, complex world.

There will be a strong emphasis on reframing leadership as the ability to create and sustain real conversations, as the need for a good understanding of the fears that accompany most human endeavours and especially the need for at least a little self-knowledge.

The goal is to emerge with a significant understanding and reframing of the way good work gets done, a deeper appreciation of the wellsprings of human motivation that can take us as leaders through difficult transitions and most importantly, through poetry, a sense of being emboldened and encouraged for the next step in our individual and organisational lives.

"Everyone I met was raving about him. The delegates were like a 'who's who' of British Industry and Whyte stole the show."
The Times

David will work with us throughout the day and participants will also have plenty of time to engage in conversations with each other to explore the next practical steps they can take in their own individual lives.

Comments from previous workshops

"An amazing day"

"A real inspiration"

"A wonderful speaker, authentic, spontaneous, inspiring"

"Brilliant, very relevant to our times"

"Every time I hear him I learn so much"

"Extraordinary, moving, informative"

David Whyte

David is first and foremost a poet; he grew up among the hills and valleys of Yorkshire and currently lives with his family in the Pacific Northwest. He holds a degree in Marine Biology, an Honorary Doctorate and has travelled extensively. He is a fellow of the Said Business School, University of Oxford.

His work has struck a resonant chord within organisations and the personal and professional development arenas around the world. He is an inspiring speaker who, with a poet's insight, speaks to our human condition, and to the core of the challenges individuals and organisations face today and offers a vision for the way ahead.

David's client list includes: Astra Zenica, The Boeing Company, Deloitte & Touche, Innogy, The Industrial Society, Lucent Technology, Mattel, McKinsey, Microsoft, Nasa, Novartis, The Royal Air Force, Standard Chartered Bank, Stanford University, State of the World Forum, Said Business School, University of Oxford, Toyota, Unilever & Visa International.

He has published six books of poetry including *River Flow New & Selected Poems* and is the author of the best selling *The Heart Aroused*, and *Crossing the Unknown Sea*. His latest prose book, *The Three Marriages: Reimagining Work, Self and Relationship* was published in January 2009.

"Listening to David Whyte is a transformational experience. What he has to say is relevant for us all and brings deep clarity to the complexities we face".

The Beyond Partnership

Venue

Sheepdrove Eco Conference Centre,
Lambourn, Berkshire



We are delighted to be returning to the beautiful and award winning Sheepdrove Eco Conference Centre. Situated high on the beautiful Berkshire Downs, surrounded by fields, woodlands and wonderful views it is a wonderfully rejuvenating place and the perfect setting for David's work.

Dates & Times

Friday 25th September 2009: 10.00a.m.– 4.30 p.m.

Fees, Early Bird Discount and A Special Offer

The workshop fees are £300 + VAT = £345.00

Book by 4th September 2009 and pay only
£250+VAT = £287.50

Also we invite you to share the experience and bring a friend for half price, if you book by 4th September 2009.

Lunch will be provided in the Centre's excellent organic restaurant.

Cancellation

There will be a 50% cancellation charge for cancellations received within 14 days of the seminar and 100% cancellation charge for cancellations received within 7 days of the seminar.

Booking

Please send a cheque payable to
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"...Be a provenance of something gathered, a summation of previous intuitions, let your vulnerabilities walking on the cracked, sliding limestone, be this time, not a weakness, but a faculty for understanding what's about to happen."

The Seven Streams - David Whyte