Open Space Technology

Open Space Technology (**OST**) is an approach for hosting and self-organizing meetings, conferences, and community summit events, focused on a specific and important purpose or task—but *beginning* without any formal agenda, beyond the overall purpose or theme.

Open space technology works best when these conditions are present:

1. a real issue of concern, that it is something worth talking about.

2. a high level of complexity, such that no single person or small group fully understands or can solve the issue.

3. a high level of diversity, in terms of the skills and people required for a successful resolution.

4. real or potential conflict, which implies that people genuinely care about the issue.

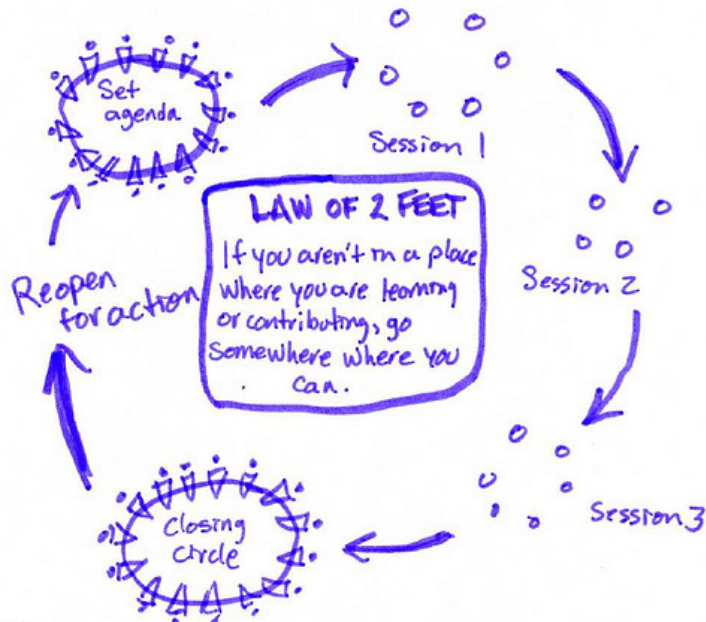5. a high level urgency, meaning the time for decisions and action was "yesterday".

Links

About Open Space - http://www.openspaceworld.org/cgi/wiki.cgi?AboutOpenSpace

Open Space User Guide - http://elementaleducation.com/wp-content/uploads/temp/OpenSpaceTechnology--UsersGuide.pdf

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Whoever comes are the right people.
Whatever happens is the only thing that could have
When it starts is the right time.
When it's over, it's over.

Set agenda

Session 1

Session 2

Session 3

Reopen for action

LAW OF 2 FEET
If you aren't in a place where you are learning or contributing, go somewhere where you can.

Closing Circle

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