

# **International Master Class: Dialogue and the Arts of Transformative Change Work**

**June 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> 2016.  
Malvern, Worcestershire, England**

Together with colleagues from Relational Change we, Dian Marie Hosking and Maggie Shelton, invite you to join us for an intimate masterclass in the beautiful Malvern Hills.



Bringing together the breadth of our experience, we will draw upon the dialogic work of philosophers, scholars and researchers including Buber, Bakhtin, Bohm, Foucault, Hosking, McNamee, and Gergen. We will explore together the various ways their work unfolds in relational theory and relational leadership praxis.

We will focus on the application of dialogic attitudes and practices in the context of a wide range of transformative change work including psychotherapy, community organising, organisational development and coaching.

Participants will have opportunity to explore issues of specific relevance to their own practice context and communities as we combine theory lectures, dialogues, exercises, videos and storytelling. The programme will be complimented by informal gatherings and meals. We will

gather on the evening of Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June and finish after lunch on Friday 17<sup>th</sup>.

If you are involved in any kind of transformative change process, and believe you work, teach or supervise “dialogically”, then this workshop is for you. You will explore a range of theory and develop extended practices to apply in your work and daily life. For example:

- Psychotherapists can explore how rigorous dialogue changes therapeutic relationships.
- Organisational consultants will develop tools to identify strengths and build relationships that enhance creativity and resourcefulness.
- Coaches can build practices for helping clients develop networks and resources.
- Community organisers will enhance skills in “bottom up” organizing that builds robust community relationships.

Together we will experience connections between dialogic practices and the theories and philosophies that inform Relational Theory and Relational Leadership.



### **Maggie Shelton MSW**

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Maggie has a career in leading conversations that focus on strengths and resources, enhance resilience, lean on creativity, and create change. She does this in systems of many sizes in her practice as a consultant and coach. She practiced as a psychotherapist in Los Angeles, California, USA, for many years. She was a Director of three different agencies providing services to low income clients and designed and directed family therapy training programs. While at The Relational Center in Los Angeles she was Director of the Organizations and Communities program and the Institute of Public Dialogue. She currently provides coaching and consulting services and is an Adjunct Lecturer for the School of Social Work at the University of Southern California. Her passion is working with groups of people committed to finding ways of working collaboratively to bring about social change. She holds a Master of Social Work (MSW) from the University of Iowa, USA, and postgraduate training in Couples and Family Therapy from the Menninger Foundation. She studied relational and collaborative organizational change processes, and particularly leadership, in a program offered by Tilburg University and the Taos Institute.



### **Dian Marie Hosking BA (Hons), MSc, PhD, DSc (hc)**

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Professor in Relational Processes in the Utrecht School of Governance, Utrecht University.

Dian Marie is a leading researcher-writer in the area of relational thinking and practice, specifically applied to leadership, organising, and change work as a relational process. In this context, she regularly runs workshops in many different countries. The Turku School of Economics awarded her an honorary Doctor of Science (DSc Econ) for her work on leadership and organisational theory. Her current interests focus on relations between relational constructionism, Buddhism, and the management and organisation of end-of-life care.



**Price:** Individuals: £ 395; Organisations £ 495

**Venue:** The Malverns, UK, we will provide details when you register.

**Registration and more information:** Please contact: [helena@relationalchange.org](mailto:helena@relationalchange.org)

**Maximum number of participants:** 16

**Accommodation:** Here is a list of nearby accommodation (look for Colwall, or in the walking on the hills area) [http://www.visitthemaalverns.org/where\\_to\\_stay](http://www.visitthemaalverns.org/where_to_stay)

The Wyche Inn: <http://www.thewycheinn.co.uk>

The Colwall Park Hotel: <http://colwall.co.uk>