

Leadership for UHC – Kick-off Workshop

Notes from the Opening Talk by Peter Senge

Seeing the System in relation to what?

- How do you create conditions for Profound Shifts?
- What meaning do you attach to "Leadership?"
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People creating collective Capacity
- Crystallising images of the FUTURE

Engaging, Collaboration
Co-Creative, Cross-boundary

- Leadership as developmental.
- What is the NATURE of the System we are Seeking to influence?
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On-going work of leadership
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Sensing the System
- Leadership: Convening & Engaging

Change – One time or continuous?

- When does the real work of change start . . . End?
- * Habit: Powerful force of change
- Scale/intent of COLLABORATION
- Seeing the LARGER System

Energy for change comes from PEOPLE

- Getting People together
- Moving too Quickly into Action can lead to superficial Solutions
- Conversation: Much of it a waste of time.
- How does REAL Dialogue happen?
- ACTION matters: But when is the right time for Action?

PROTOTYPE
What is the small/
little step we could
take NOW in order
to learn by "DOING"?
that ...
in 3 to 6 months
will teach us on how
things could change?

It takes time ...
What will I do in the
next three months?
openness & potential
influence ... beyond formal
authority
"Right partners"?
+ Committed
NOT only people you're comfortable
working with. Likely to be people
you don't expect ...
commitment is always for
something larger than yourself

Peter Senge has published extensively on leadership issues. Here is a selection of his writings:

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