



## Open Space Conversations

While you are at the conference please join an Open Space Conversation.

Our keynotes speakers and presenters are going to blow you away with the quality, breadth, depth and innovation of the ideas they will present. In addition, in true coaching style, we are giving you the space to go beyond being a passive recipient of ideas. Our conference Open Space is the place to extend and dive deeply into concepts about coaching that you and others are interested in. It's the place to have the conversations that you really want to have while you are here – the conversations that Unlock Potential in yourself, for clients, for coaching, for ICF, for the world...

The conference Open Space will be open for the duration of the conference and you are welcomed, encouraged and urged to hang out in the space joining, suggesting and contributing to the important, meaningful and significant conversations that will happen there.

There are 3 key ways you can engage with the conference Open Space:

- ✓ Put forward a topic or topics for conversation
- ✓ Join conversations that have been suggested
- ✓ Just hang out and soak up what is happening

### Steps for putting a topic forward for conversation:

1. Define the topic you want to propose as clearly and succinctly as possible.
2. Visit the Open Space Marketplace located in The Garden Terrace and see what time/space slots are available.
3. Write the topic you are proposing on a Conversation Booking Sheet and paste it in the time/space slot you choose.
4. When it is time for your conversation be in your chosen space to start the conversation with whoever else turns up.

Note:

- Just because you propose a conversation that does not mean you have to facilitate or lead it. Those who turn up all co-lead the conversation.
- You can propose a conversation at any time during the conference and if all the 'official' times/spaces are taken you can propose to have a conversation some place else.

Take some time now to flesh out a conversation or conversations you would like to put forward:

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### Steps for joining conversations that have been suggested:

1. Regularly visit the Open Space Marketplace located in The Garden Terrace and review the conversations that have been suggested.

- Note down the time/space of the conversations that draw you in and you are interested in being involved in:

Topic	When	Where

- Turn up to the conversations you are interested in and participate as fully, enthusiastically and open heartedly as you can.

Note:

- When you join a conversation you join as an equal co-leader with all other participants
- There is only one law in Open Space – the law of Mobility. If the conversation that ensues isn't the one you thought it might be, or if it no longer interests you, or you feel you can't contribute it is perfectly OK to leave the conversation – i.e. "when your mind starts to wander, take your body with it".
- There are 4 Principles in Open Space that apply to the conversations:
  - Whoever comes is the right people
  - Whatever happens is all that could have happened
  - Whenever it starts is the right time
  - When it is over, it is over

### Steps for hanging out and soaking up what is happening:

Oops, no steps just turn up and hang around the Open Space...

- Be a **Native Bee** who moves from one conversation to another pollinating and cross-fertilising ideas.
- Be a **Butterfly** who simply floats serenely in the space being open to new and unexpected conversations that might or might not occur.

### Where is the Open Space?

The Garden Terrace  
 Same level as the conference  
 Simply follow the exhibition

### Keep a Record of the Conversation:

The richness, diversity and greatness of these conversations will be made available on the Conference Web Site for all conference delegates. This can happen in two ways:

- Have one of the participants in the conversation write up a record of the conversation on a paper based Record of Conversation sheet that can be found in the Open Space. Hand this to the Open Space monitor who will type it up and post it on the web site.
- Download the Open Space Record of Conversation sheet from the conference web site: [http://www.dccconferences.com.au/icfa2016/Open\\_Space](http://www.dccconferences.com.au/icfa2016/Open_Space)  
 Then type up a record of the conversation that can then be emailed to the Open Space Monitor: [openspace@dccconferences.com.au](mailto:openspace@dccconferences.com.au)

### Open Space Monitor

While the Open Space operates autonomously, we will have a wonderfully helpful person on hand in the entrance to the Open Space who will be able to assist with questions. Go say hello.

Have some fabulous, important conversations!