

# **LiFT** Leadership for Transition

## **Summer School and Facilitator Training**

July 2-6, 2018 (Vienna)

Are you interested in contributing to collective intelligence for addressing complex adaptive challenges? Then our Collaboratory Training can provide you with important skills for hosting, designing and facilitating co-creative stakeholder engagement processes.

### **About the Collaboratory**

The Collaboratory is a compact, consolidated, yet very flexible and agile tool for facilitating stakeholder involvement processes addressing complex problems in a focused and outcome-oriented way. It draws on sources like Theory U, Appreciative Inquiry, circular learning, scenario planning and others.

A Collaboratory is most successful if tailored and adapted to the specific hosting context and setting. Therefore, users need basic knowledge and skills to design, host and facilitate it appropriately.

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*This comprehensive training includes:*

- A preparatory online training introducing important knowledge and principles, including 4 online seminars of 90 min, group work and preparatory assignments (between April and June, 2018)
- 2 days of teaching on how to prepare and facilitate a Collaboratory (July 2-3)
- 2 days of application in a real life setting: trainees co-design and co-facilitate a public Collaboratory on “Social Entrepreneurship” (July 4-5)
- 1 day of debriefing and reflection to harvest learnings (July 6).

We can only accept participants who attend the whole package. Participants must also be able to take part in the **pre-training** (4 sessions, April-June, 2018). More information is available upon registration.

Dates (suggested options):

April 18/22 (session 1), Mai 9/13 (session 2), May 30/June 3 (session 3), June 24/27 (session 4)

*“A collaboratory is a facilitated space open to everybody, and in particular to concerned stakeholders, to meet on an equal basis to co-create new solutions for societal, environmental or economic issues by drawing on the emergent future. It is a place where people can think, work, and learn together to invent their common futures, an inclusive learning environment where the formal separation of knowledge production and knowledge transfer dissolves.” (Katrin Muff, 2014, 12-13)*

### **Course contents:**

- \* Foundations of integral leadership
- \* Collaboratory method & design options, typical challenges & pitfalls
- \* facilitation tools & skills
- \* implementation exercises

The Summer School is conducted in cooperation with **COMMIT** (Vienna). Participants are invited to join COMMIT's [EDUTOPIA Summer Academy](#) which consists of the LiFT Summer School and a second week of training and application afterwards (until July 15).

### ***Benefits***

You will get a solid understanding of and practical experience with how to prepare, draft and implement multi-stakeholder involvement processes in different intercultural settings.

For participation in the Summer School and pre-training, trainees can be awarded up to 4 ECTS points if all assignments are successfully completed (2 for presence at the training in Vienna, 2 for pre-course, assignments and post-course reflection).

### ***Is this for you? What we expect in participants***

The training is particularly valuable for trainees who have some experience of the Collaboratory and/or other large group facilitation methods. The level of experience will be identified as part of the application procedure. Trainees will be assigned tasks and roles in relation to their previous experience.

### ***Costs, fees and support***

The Facilitator Training itself is free of charge (funded by the EU project). The LiFT project also covers meals and refreshments during the training (lunch, dinner, coffee breaks). Participants will have to organize and pay for their own travel and accommodation. A limited number of small grants is available to support participants in need on request.

### ***Application procedure:***

To apply, please fill out the **registration form** ([download here](#)) and send it back to [info@leadership-for-transition.eu](mailto:info@leadership-for-transition.eu) **by April 1, 2018**.

Any information you give us about your motivation, previous experience with collaborative formats and active facilitation, and about your thinking about complex challenges helps us to design the best experience for you during the facilitator training. So please fill out the registration document to the best of your knowledge.

### ***About LiFT***

Leadership for Transition (LiFT) is a EU-funded (Horizon 2020) Strategic Partnership of seven partners, hosted by the [Norwegian University of Science and Technology \(NTNU\)](#), see [Blog](#) and [Folder](#). Its **goal** is to bring together innovative researchers, practitioners and citizens engaged in leadership, education and societal transition to promote more sustainable ways of living in Europe and beyond. The project rationale holds that in times of multidimensional crisis, leadership increasingly needs to empower individuals and society at large to take over responsibility for working towards the common good.

LiFT's integral approach combines a focus on interior (subjective and intersubjective/cultural) and exterior (structural, procedural and behavioral) dimensions of leading societal change processes. It builds individual skills and practices to design and successfully implement collaborative processes with diverse stakeholder groups.

LiFT has hosted over a dozen collaborative workshops in 7 countries, focusing on a wide range of topics. In all of these, we have used variations of the Collaboratory method (see below). LiFT has conducted 3 years of action research to find out how to best host, frame and facilitate successful stakeholder involvement processes in changing contexts and settings.