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Goals Objectives

Goals and objectives

1. By hosting stakeholder workshops on important social challenges, LiFT invites experts, practitioners and citizens to share views, experiences and expertise, and to co-create a joint actionable vision.
2. LiFT harvests, condenses and prototypes its experiences in collaborative leadership for others to use.
3. On this basis it develops and implements a unique transnational leadership training format, offering a reflective learning space for multipliers to experiment with and to gain practical experience in collaborative leadership and communication methods in transcultural contexts.
4. LiFT develops tangible intellectual and pedagogical outputs which enable multipliers from relevant target groups to make use of LiFT's insights, methodological knowledge and experience in their own fields of activity, in service of peace, justice and sustainability in Europe and beyond (see inner side of this folder, overleaf).



Interested in going deeper?

We are looking for 15 participants from among the attendees of our workshops who are committed to taking this work further out into the world. To support that, LiFT will host a summer school in Austria during the summer of 2018.

Here you will get a deep dive into both the foundations of integral responsible leadership and the general methodology of the collaboratory. As well, you will learn about how to use practical tools, facilitation and scaffolding techniques in different contexts in relation to specific target groups and topics involved.

There will be direct application of this training in a subsequent workshop on social entrepreneurship designed to create and exchange hands-on knowledge around the challenge of creating social innovations that are directly usable for start-ups of young social entrepreneurs.

Your participation in this summer school will enable you to run collaboratories for stakeholders independently and beyond the scope of the LiFT project.

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Leadership for Transition – Project Rationale

Europe is increasingly confronted with problems of sustainable living and of peaceful co-existence within and between European nations and cultures. In times of multidimensional crisis, public leadership is simultaneously facing multiple challenges. Leadership increasingly needs to empower individuals and society at large to take responsibility for working towards the common good. However, widespread practices of leadership and co-operation are outdated and lack the necessary flexibility, adaptiveness and depth to cope with the multiple complexities European societies have to deal with.

Many scientists agree that the crises we face cannot be solved through technological means alone, and that they are manifestations of a deeper crisis in our worldview, cultural model and identity. It seems clear that global economic progress has developed at the cost of social, ecological and spiritual values and of our sense of inter-connectedness with fellow humans and our natural environment.

Europe needs Leadership for Transition

Leaders, citizens and societies need to transcend narrow particularistic views and act on the basis of broader notions of responsibility and interconnectedness. Moreover, the scope, degree and complexity of conscious awareness (on individual and collective levels) are crucial for adequate leadership behaviors in today's complex world. LiFT therefore develops methods of dialog and multiple stakeholder conflict resolution focusing on interior (subjective and intersubjective/cultural) dimensions of both leadership and transition. Based on innovative trends in leadership thinking, LiFT applies academic, practical and intuitive knowledge to developing individual and collective leadership as an essential skill for the 21st century.

Method

We use an innovative holistic leadership method called the COLLABORATORY for facilitating dialog processes, drawing on the joint intelligence of a broad range of stakeholders. The focused and flexible design of the collaboratory allows for collective inquiry based on deep dialog, reflexivity, and transformative learning. It thus empowers people to co-create innovative and powerful solutions to complex challenges and to take responsibility for societal transitions at large.

Activities and Workplan

Until 2018, LiFT will host the following workshops:

1. **Luxemburg, Nov 18-20, 2015:**
Benelux Pop-up University for Transition
2. **Almedalen/Sweden, July 3-10, 2016:**
Collaborative Ideas for Doing Politics
3. **Trondheim/Norway, Fall 2016:**
Addressing Early School Leaving in Scandinavia
4. **Ecovillage 7Linden/Germany, Spring 2017:**
Innovative Ideas on Collaborative Governance
5. **Murter/Croatia, Fall 2017:**
Capacity Development for Transformative Learning Initiatives
6. **Vienna/Austria, July/August 2018:**
Learning from Social Entrepreneurs

and: Summer School on collaborative leadership

LiFT will produce the following tangible intellectual outputs:

1. A book on foundations & resources of collaborative leadership
2. A book on the methodology of collaborative leadership
3. A book on best practices (case studies) of collaborative leadership
4. A course curriculum to be used in train-the-trainer courses on collaborative leadership

If you have questions or wish to participate in one of our events please check out www.leadership-for-transition.eu or contact us at info@leadership-for-transition.eu



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