

# The Worldwide Week of Partnership

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## What is W3P?

The Worldwide Week of Partnership is a yearly event that takes place during the third week in October. During that week Organization Workshop trainers and consultants across the globe are conducting Power+Systems-related events for groups in their local areas.

The goal of each event is to help people see systems in ways that yield satisfying, creative, and productive outcomes for themselves and the communities they serve.

## Why the W3P?

We, as Organization Workshop trainers and consultants, have (in Deming's words) "powerful knowledge" and technologies for disseminating that knowledge.

We believe that sharing that knowledge will make a positive contribution to people's lives.

The big possibility is this: as more people learn about systems, in time we can create a tipping point, a worldwide cultural shift. A shift that:

- alters how people experience themselves, others, their systems and other systems they interact with,
- increases mutual understanding, respect, and cooperation across organizational, social, and cultural lines, and
- lessens the pain and destructiveness in the world

## What does the W3P entail?

Throughout the week and across the world, we are conducting workshops (1/2 day, full day, 2 day variations), presentations, conversations, consultations, book discussions, and more. Some of our events are open enrollments; others are conducted for specific groups.

Some events are being offered simultaneously and synchronized in locations around the world.

## Who are we to do this?

We are a growing worldwide network of professionals (500 +) who have been trained in The Organization Workshop and the Seeing Systems Framework developed by Barry Oshry.

We live and work in all parts of the world -South Africa, India, the U.K., Canada, the U.S., Europe, South America, and Asia/Pacific.

Some of us facilitate the Organization Workshop on either a regular or sporadic basis. Others of us use the framework in our consulting and coaching practices. All of us have contributions we can make to this effort.

Individually we do good work; collectively we can be a powerful force in the world.

## How does W3P come together?

### Connecting with local communities

W3P events are organized as joint initiatives between Power+Systems Organization Workshop Trainer/Consultants and local community groups and organizations.

- Some events are fund raisers for local organizations or charitable causes.
- Some community groups and organizations are volunteering space and/or catering services for events.
- Some are providing public relations services.
- Some are preparing program materials.

- Some are videoing events both for local use, and as elements for inclusion in a worldwide documentary.

Additionally, there are no royalty payments for community group events conducted this week.

## **The W3P "Local Organizing Kit"**

To help Organization Workshop trainers initiate an event locally, a starting kit has been developed with information on how to plan and organize the events.

## **Global framework, local responsibility**

The WORLDWIDE WEEK OF PARTNERSHIP (W3P) web site will be up shortly. This will enable us to share information and inspirations, support various efforts, and self-organize around events in particular locations. That's where we'll post your contact information, location, and event, and ways people can connect with you – to work with you in making your event happen, share contacts in the area, and provide other support.

## **What else should I know about W3P?**

### **Opportunity to get back in the game**

Some licensed trainers who have never conducted the workshop or who haven't conducted one in a long time can use this as an opportunity to get back into the game either alone or in collaboration with others in their region.

### **How do you get involved?**

When you want to get engaged with the W3P, contribute to or organize an event, connect with the W3P Steering Committee. (See below.)

## **The history of the idea**

W3P began with Barry's vision: *"We are an incredible collection of talented and committed people, each of us off doing our own thing. What productive possibility in the world could be generated if we also functioned as an integrated whole?"* That vision was presented at the Organization Workshop trainer gathering in December 2012 where a Steering Committee formed for the purpose of turning that vision into action.

## **The W3P Steering committee**

Contact members of the Steering Committee both for further information and also to offer suggestions and inspirations, Members of the W3P Steering Committee are:

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