

### **Open Space Technology, a new way to find and create solutions and the way forward**

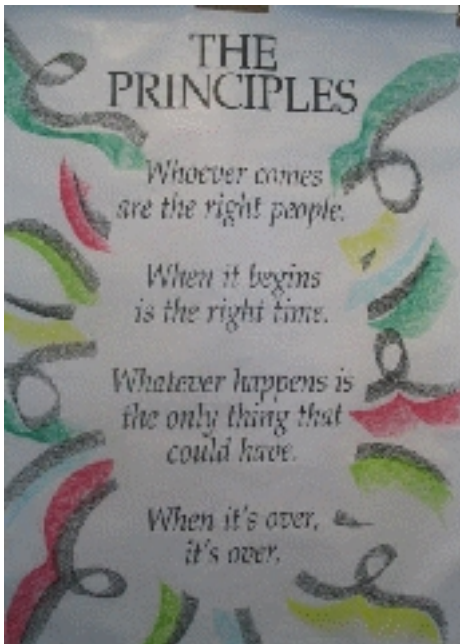
What is Open Space Technology ?

Open Space Technology (OST) is a new method for working effectively with large groups (8 - 2000 participants) which has already used more than 100 countries to date, particularly with complex issues concerning the future. A simple, but very powerful framework creates the right conditions for a dynamic process of discussion and cooperation. Every single participant who contributes with his knowledge and experience influences the end result.

Because participants in an Open Space Conference all participate actively, and talk to others regardless of function or background, OST creates a high level of commitment among participants and much networking across boundaries, usually resulting in a much deeper understanding of the issues as stake well as new ideas about the way forward

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*Four principles and a Law*



As driving skills, the principles of Open Space Technology are so simple that they can be taught to anyone in a few minutes. The principles are:



1. You can stand on two feet and talk to the group. If you have a question, you can ask it. If you have an idea, you can share it. If you have a problem, you can solve it. If you have a suggestion, you can make it. If you have a complaint, you can voice it. If you have a concern, you can express it. If you have a comment, you can give it. If you have a contribution, you can offer it. If you have a question, you can ask it. If you have an idea, you can share it. If you have a problem, you can solve it. If you have a suggestion, you can make it. If you have a complaint, you can voice it. If you have a concern, you can express it. If you have a comment, you can give it. If you have a contribution, you can offer it.

