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SESSION DESCRIPTION

Whatever the Challenge, Community Is the Answer

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How can the members of any learning community build their coherence and expand their capacity for transformational change? What creates a community capacity to respond resiliently to any challenge? In this session, you'll engage in conversation around these questions and the answers being uncovered by the Berkana Exchange, a trans-local learning community of people and places around the world. The learning centers in this network operate based on values such as we have what we need, we make the path by walking it, and we are learning to live the future now. Through the Art of Hosting conversational methodology, learn how values-based engagement leads to wise action in community and organizational settings.

In this workshop, you will:

- Learn the values, principles, and processes that guide transformational change.
- Explore the practices, rhythms, questions, and processes that create a framework for building resilient community.
- Envision how values-based engagement leads to wise action in community and organizational settings.

Bob Stilger has been engaged in community change work since the mid-1970s. In recent years, much of his work has been in places like South Africa, Zimbabwe, India, and Brazil, where new forms of engagement are being created. He has a PhD in Learning and Change in Human Systems from CIIS and was the co-president of The Berkana Institute from 2005–2009.

Teresa Posakony's work has led her beyond a career in corporate change consulting into the arena of community engagement and collective leadership. She has worked in partnership with the Berkana community since 2000, and been a steward and leader in the Art of Hosting Community since 2003. Teresa works with courageous and inspiring leaders across sectors from grassroots communities to high tech to create cultures of conversation and resilience.

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