

Leading Groups: Effective Strategies for Building Professional Communities

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“Your assumptions are your windows on the world -- scrub them off every once in a while or the light won't come in.”
Hawkeye Pierce

“A strong community helps people develop a sense of true self, for only in community can the self exercise and fulfill its nature: giving and taking, listening and speaking, being and doing.”
Parker J. Palmer

“True freedom means being conscious and aware enough to choose what you pay attention to and to choose how you construct meaning from experience. Because if you cannot exercise this kind of choice in adult life, you will be totally hosed.”

David Foster Wallace

“Until you are willing to be confused about what you already know, what you know will never become wider, bigger or deeper.” – Milton Erikson.

“The way you get to know yourself is by the expressions on other people's faces, because that's the only thing that you can see, unless you carry a mirror about. But if you keep saying 'I' and they're saying 'I,' you don't get much out of it. They're not really into you, or we, or they; they're into I. That makes conversation slow.”
Gil Scott Heron

“I watch what I do to see what I really believe.” – Sister Helen Prejean

“Our times demand that we adopt a powerful orientation toward learning, experimentation, and discovery that will require us to acknowledge uncertainty and embrace ambiguity – even as our impulse is to seek comfort in certainty and adhere to a set of familiar convictions, assumptions, and beliefs that provide us with a reassuring true north.”
Eamonn Kelly

“If leaders can influence what people say to themselves, then they can influence what those same people are thinking.”
Karl Weick

“In true listening, we reach behind the words, see through them, to find the person who is being revealed.”
John Powell

"I act on the conviction that everyone is making a difference. Just by living our lives, consuming space and resources, we are making a difference. Our choice is what kind of difference to make."
Fran Peavey