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## Open Space Technology *for creative meetings*

**Open Space Technology** is a work form for creative meetings and conferences. The form is simple, well tested and has been fine tuned over many years. It differs much from traditional conferences that are based on a detailed agenda, speeches and seminars in an overloaded time schedule with passive participants.

The creator of the concept, Harrison Owen, is an organization consultant from US and he has successfully used the concept since 1985 in US, Canada, Europe, Latin America, India and Africa.

Open Space can be used internally within firms/organizations or externally in cooperation with customers, suppliers and other stakeholders. Bordercrossing cooperation is one of the main points with Open Space Technology. The concept is also effective when the issue is "HOT" and there are inherent contradictions among the participants. The foundation of Open Space is that the participants, within a wide frame, create their own agenda and their own conference.

### Who should participate?

Everybody that found themselves as invited and wants to participate! The concept has been used in groups from five to more than thousand individuals. The concept is based on vocational participation, interest and own responsibility. Nobody should be ordered to participate in an *Open Space* - session.

**Theme:** The theme for the meeting should be formulated in a clear way but still give space for fantasy. It should be relevant and engaging for those who are invited. So it is important how the invitation is formulated.

**Time frame:** Open Space Technology is normally used for conferences/meetings over one to three days. To take the full advantages of the concept there is a minimum need for a full day. All participants shall participate in the full meeting and there should not be any planned interruptions in the process.

### Long experience of facilitation of *Open Space Technology* - meetings!

Since 1988 have we facilitated a number of conferences, about different issues and in different contexts. We can tell you more about our experiences and in which way the "Open Space Technology" – concept can support your enterprise or your organization.

With use of "*Open Space Technology*" can you:

- create common visions for the future
- create cooperation between departments and work-groups
- encourage to involvement, own initiatives and own responsibility
- give a base for practical cooperation for issues that interest many
- take care of the knowledge, creativity and energy from all participants
- investigate new ideas and roads for the future products and markets
- do market research or product development together with different stake holders



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