

CIRCLE DIALOGUE WORKSHOPS - 2024



What is Circle Dialogue?

Circle Dialogue is a structured process that allows participants to share their stories and experiences through face-to-face communication. Circles provide a safe, supportive space for members to draw on their best values, talk about important topics, and respond from their best selves. Circle Dialogue can be used in a variety of contexts, such as within communities, businesses, workplace, schools, civic groups, and anywhere where groups need balanced participation and engaged discussion.

What Will the Training Cover?

Through this 4-hour workshop, introductory training participants will learn:

- The basic principles, values, and philosophy of Circle Dialogue
- Appropriate contexts and uses for Circle Dialogue
- How to prepare for a Circle Dialogue
- How to select the theme and the appropriate questions
- The process and guidelines for conducting a Circle Dialogue

Workshop Dates (All classes will be 9am to 1pm at 205-394 Duncan Street)

- Saturday, March 2
- Saturday, April 27
- Friday, June 28
- Saturday, September 21
- Saturday, November 2

Cost: \$60 per person



Carmen Hildebrand, your instructor, came to circles through her passion for Restorative Justice. With a background in social work, Carmen is a certified Restorative Justice Facilitator. She volunteers for Cowichan Restorative Justice in the roles of facilitator, mentor, and mentorship trainer.

Carmen recently completed a pilot project of circle curriculum for grade 9 students at Ladysmith Senior Secondary, utilizing a "Train the Trainer" model and is introducing the concept of circle dialog to various cohorts in the human services sector.

In addition to her social work background, Carmen's education includes Solution Focused Counselling, Collaboration and Capacity Building, Program Development, Restorative Workplaces, building a Trauma Informed Restorative School, Restorative Justice in Education, and "Introduction to Council"

For more information or to register for the course please email rjcowichan@gmail.com