The Craft of Convening



A four-day retreat and mentoring program for professionals who lead high-stakes meetings, retreats, and multi-stakeholder processes.

February 22–25, 2027 · Whispertree, Mendocino County, California
Up to 25 participants · Nearly 30 hours of training

The program

- **In-person retreat:** 4 days and 3 nights at Whispertree in Mendocino County, California, with approximately 21 hours of hands-on sessions, lodging and all meals included.
- **Group mentoring:** four 1.5-hour online sessions in small groups of 5–6, from March to early June 2027, to support participants in applying what they've learned.
- **Individual coaching:** one 60-minute coaching session with one of the lead trainers, between March and May 2027.
- **In total:** nearly 30 hours of training, mentoring, and coaching over four months.

Who it's for

Professionals with roughly 5–15 years of experience who design and lead convenings, whether or not "facilitator" is in their title: foundation staff, NGO and INGO leaders, sustainability, CSR and inclusion leads, public servants, and independent consultants.

Participants will learn to

- Clarify the purpose of a convening before designing the agenda.
- Map power and stakeholders, and design for genuine participation across language, culture, and hierarchy.
- Choose and adapt from a wide range of facilitation methods, from World Café and Open Space to Liberating Structures.
- Design the whole container: space, timing, materials, co-facilitation, and what happens before and after.
- Read the room in real time and navigate conflict, silence, dominance or disengagement.
- Sustain their practice through regular reflection and healthy boundaries.

The trainers



Aimee Maron
Co-founder and CEO, Co-Inside Consulting & Coaching

20+ years designing and facilitating participatory processes across Latin America, the U.S. and beyond, in English and Spanish. Certified Integral Master Coach™.



Rachel Humphrey
Founder and Principal, Leadership Design

25+ years coaching leaders working for justice and equity. Designed and led Justice Funders' Harmony Initiative (250 participants over 10 years). ICF-certified coach (PCC).

Investment

- **Cost:** all-inclusive from $3,300 to $4,300, depending on lodging. Includes retreat, three nights of lodging, meals and materials, four small-cohort mentoring sessions, and individual coaching session. Travel is not included.
- **Early bird discount:** $300 off when registering by December 15, 2026.
- **Payment:** in full or in two payments, by card or U.S. bank account. Organizations can pay by invoice, and a W-9 is available on request.

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