

Leadership and the Common Good

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Leadership that Builds Community

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This session will provide the thinking and methodology to support citizen-leaders in inventing ways to restore the commons, including our concerns about safety, our food, our land and raising our children.

The major obstacle to community builders is not lack of funding, or poor management or the absence of evidence based outcomes. It is the absence of social capital and the historical thinking about reform and development. To build and sustain the community we have in mind means we have to shift our thinking and narratives about certain and specific disciplines: our *economy*, our *faith*, our *architecture*, the importance of *art*, and the place of *journalism* in our lives. The modern, dominant narrative in each of these disciplines is what sustains our isolation and much of the suffering in the world.

We also need to learn how to bring citizens together to focus on their gifts and their capacity to welcome the stranger. How we connect citizens together is as important as our agenda for change. The means are the ends. The session will be an example of its theory, and give form to the nature of transformation.