

Welcome to Inquiring into Dialogue Facilitation: Methods and Reflection

Time: Wednesday 23rd, the second day of the conference, before dinner

Place: Ash Room

Facilitators: Mirja Hämäläinen & Kati Tikkamäki, Tampere University, Finland

Facilitating dialogue. Won't you come to this dialogue session and bring your experiences and contribution to reflecting about ways of facilitating dialogue? We have space for up to ten participants.

- How do you create a generative dialogue that draws people's passion and creates insights?
- What works well in your facilitation?
- What else could you do that may work better?
- What are your strengths as a facilitator?
- Where do you hit a dead end?
- What are you learning to do differently?
- What do you wish you could provide as a dialogue facilitator?

Reflecting experiences. We ask each participant to share one eye-opening facilitation experience. The experience may have been awakening in good or bad, but it is in some way meaningful. First, we share, then, we reflect and afterwards we reflect again! All through thinking together in dialogue.

Developing methods for facilitating reflection. The dialogue will be audio-recorded and we all can explore the potential of using video recording for reflection to develop facilitation methods. We also suggest that further reflection-on-action sessions could take place after the conference by Zoom. Kati and Mirja will write a paper for the conference publication based on this dialogue session and the subsequent zoom calls. The recording supports writing the paper and the recorded dialogue will be available for all in the AofPD Members' online resources for reflection and learning.

“We do not learn from experience... we learn from reflecting on experience.”

– John Dewey

For more information on this session before the conference, get in touch with Kati (kati.tikkamaki@tuni.fi) or Mirja (mirja.hamalainen@tuni.fi).

Mirja Hämäläinen, Phil. Lic., is a lecturer in English at the Language Centre of Tampere University, Finland. She became interested in dialogue some ten years ago having read David Bohm's book *On Dialogue*. After over 30 years of experience in teaching English for academic/professional purposes, she is now moving into reflection and starting her PhD dissertation with the working title: *Ethics, Wisdom and Well-Being in Language Education: Practising Bohmian Dialogue through English as a Lingua Franca for Global Work-Life Purposes*.

Kati Tikkamäki, D.Ed., is a Senior Researcher and a professional in development at the Work Research Center of Tampere University, Finland. Her dissertation (2006) dealt with learning at work and in organizational changes. A research and development program related to Dialogic Leadership during 2011-2013 was a starting point for her Dialogical journey. Since then, her development work, teaching and training has somehow related to dialogue and dialogical skills in work life.

Mirja and Kati are enthusiastic about promoting dialogue in work life, and dialogue skills for future professionals and professionals in their work life.