

The Periodic Table of Questions & Connection

There are elements of powerful questions that evoke conversations and have the potential to create worlds. This allows us to invent conversations that fit any moment. These are the anatomical elements.

Key:

POSSIBILITY	OWNERSHIP	DISSENT	COMMITMENT	GIFTS
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What is the crossroads where you find yourself at this stage of your life or work in the project around which we are assembled?	What declaration of possibility can you make that has the power to transform the community and inspire you?	How valuable of an experience (or project or community) do you plan this to be?	How much risk are you planning to take?	How participative do you plan to be?	To what extent are you invested in the well-being of the whole?			What promises am I willing to make?
What do we want to create together that would make the difference?	What can we create together that we cannot create alone?	What have I done to contribute to the very thing I complain about or want to change?	What is the story about this community or organization that you hear yourself most often telling?	What are the payoffs you received from holding on to this story?	What is your attachment to this story costing you?	What doubts or reservations do you have?	What is the no, or refusal, that you keep postponing?	What measures have meaning to me?
						What have you said yes to that you no longer mean?	What is a commitment or decision that you have changed your mind about?	What price am I willing to pay?
What gift have you received from another in this room?	What has someone done today that has moved you or been of value to you?	In what way did a particular person engage you in a way that had meaning?	What is the gift you currently hold in exile?	What is it about you that no one knows about?	What are you grateful for that has gone unspoken?	What forgiveness are you withholding?	What resentment do you hold that no one knows about?	What is the cost to others for me to keep my commitments, or fail to keep my commitments?
						What is the positive feedback you receive that still surprises you?	What is the gift that you do not fully acknowledge?	What is the promise I'm willing to make that constitutes a risk or major shift for me?
								What is the promise I'm postponing?
								What is the promise or commitment I'm unwilling to make?

THE INVITATION

- Declare the possibility of the gathering
- Frame the choice
- Name the hurdle
- Reinforce the request
- Decide on the most personal form possible