The Little Book of Transformative Community Conferencing: A Hopeful, Practical Approach to Dialogue

Reviews

It is really an incredible publication which I actually have possibly read through. It really is written in easy phrases and not confusing. Once you begin to read the book, it is extremely difficult to leave it before concluding.

(Jodie Wehner)
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Brand New Book. When conflicts become ingrained in communities, people lose hope. Dialogue is necessary but
never sufficient, and often actions prove inadequate to produce substantial change. Even worse, chosen actions
create more conflict because people have different lived experiences, priorities, and approaches to
transformation. So what’s the story? In The Little Book of Transformative Community Conferencing, David
Anderson Hooker offers a hopeful, accessible approach to dialogue that: Integrates several practice
approaches including restorative justice, peacebuilding, and arts Creates welcoming, non-divisive spaces for
dialogue Names and maps complex conflicts, such as racial tensions, religious divisions, environmental issues,
and community development as it narrates simple stories Builds relationships and foundations for trust needed
to support long-term community transformation projects And results in the crafting of hopeful, future-oriented
visions of community that can transform relationships, resource allocation, and structures in service of
communities preferred narratives. The Little Book Transformative Community Conferencing will prove valuable
and timely to mediators, restorative justice practitioners, community organizers, as well as leaders of
peacebuilding and change efforts. It presents an important, stand-alone process, an excellent addition to the
study and practice of strategic peacebuilding, restorative justice, conflict transformation, trauma healing, and
community organizing. This book recognizes the complexity of conflict, choosing long-term solutions over
inadequate quick fixes. The Transformative Community Conferencing model emerges from the author’s thirty
years of practice in contexts as diverse as South Sudan; Mississippi; Greensboro, North Carolina; Oakland,
California; and Nassau, Bahamas.

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