



**OPEN SPACE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING**

**10th-16th September 2008**

**INTERFACE SUMMER SCHOOL**

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**The *Open Space Technology Training: Interface Summer School* will take place the 10th through the 16th of September 2008. (The training includes a 3 day *Open Space Learning Exchange* in March 2009)**

Many of us experience our work, the organizations we are part of, our communities, even our countries and in fact the whole world around us as transforming at ever increasing speed. To deal with the resulting challenges we need an approach that involves all affected and interested parties with their experiences, insights, questions and wisdom.

Open Space Technology is such an approach. It supports organisations and systems of all kinds and sizes to utilize their inherent potential for selforganisation leading to high performance characterized by collaboration, cooperation, participation and broad leadership. It provides a framework of time and space in which everyone works on those issues they feel passionate about and for which they will take responsibility.

Leaders, managers, consultants, students, group workers, community organizers, planners and everyone interested in the future of their organisations and communities will benefit from this training. It thoroughly acquaints participants with Open Space Technology enabling them to facilitate Open Space events.

The trainers **Michael M Pannwitz** and **Jo Toepfer** ([www.boscop.org](http://www.boscop.org)) have been involved in almost 250 Open Space events with groups from 5 to 2108 participants. Their presently used training design has been developed over the last decade and applied in many Open Space Trainings throughout Europe. It is the only Open Space Training design

worldwide that uses Open Space itself as the basic training process. Participants thoroughly acquaint themselves with Open Space Technology in the training and are able to facilitate events after the training. Participants' experience with Open Space will be the subject of the Learning Exchange 6 months after the training.

**Host:** Interface - Research in Art, Technologies and Design, School of Art and Design, University of Ulster

**Location:** University of Ulster, Yorkstreet, Belfast, BT15 1 ED and The Black Box, 18-22 Hill St, Belfast, BT1 2LA

**Fee/including full subsistence during the training:**

£ 50 (students/unemployed), £ 100 regular

**Number of Participants:** 50

**Wednesday, 10 - Tuesday, 16 September 2008:**

Day 1, Wednesday, 10th Sept., from 2-7 pm,

Day 2,3,4,5,6, from 9 - 5pm,

Day 7, Tuesday, 16 Sept, from 9am - 1pm.

During the weekend there will be a break on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning

To **download a booking form** and **for further information** on travel to Belfast, accommodation and transport in the city please go to: [www.interface.ulster.ac.uk](http://www.interface.ulster.ac.uk)

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