



WHAT'S YOUR CALLING?

*27th, 28th and 29th June,
2014*

*Deer Park Institute, Bir,
Himachal Pradesh.*

'What's Your Calling?' is a three day **residential workshop** on exploring **gender identities**, **gender based violence** and the **skill of facilitation**, specific to conversations around gender. This workshop is being offered by People for Parity and Purple Mangoes.

Gender is this unique situation in our world, which must be examined. It creates and destroys so much of who we are; and turns up in each and every nook of our lives.

Understanding gender is a beautiful way of understanding oneself.

The workshop is an experiential space, that is co-created with participants and supported by principles of genuine dialogue, healing and allowance.

- An open and honest dialogue around the issues of gender allows a situation where people can put aside their baggage, pain and fears and engage deeply in conversations to be able to truly explore, learn and grow.
- Processes of theatre, clowning, storytelling and simulations offer a wide facilitative range of tools of expression and reflection.
- Allowing and sharing personal stories creates space for a different present reality.

The workshop provides participants with an opportunity to explore

- Our personal stories and histories and how they shape our gender identity.
- How our gender identities support or limit our growth and the change we wish to see in the world.
- Our feelings associated with gender and how they show up in our lives and world.
- Different stories, perspectives and realities that could widen our relationship with gender.
- The skill of facilitation. Facilitation as we understand it is one way of being deeply aware and connected with oneself, having the ability to hold a conversation, without reaction or revolt, and providing support to our community, or even just listening effectively. The skill of facilitation empowers participants to take such conversations forward into their relationships, homes and larger communities.

“I felt a sense of belonging and will to change myself & if possible change or broaden few people’s views on what’s ‘gender’ ”

Who can attend

This workshop is for anyone who wishes to explore gender identities and understand gender based violence; for anyone who is reaching out or looking for opportunities to support social equity and inclusion; and is searching for ways to connect deeply with gender in our world.

It is for anybody who wishes to initiate genuine exploratory conversations around gender - for leaders, teachers, students, parents, social change makers.

This workshop will only accommodate a total of 15 participants.

“I’m taking home the importance of creating spaces where we can comfortably talk about sensitive issues, past or present experiences.”

Participation by contribution - Rs. 4500 per person. This amount includes boarding, lodging , tuition and organising costs.

We would not like to miss out on people who cannot pay the full amount. So if you’re interested but cannot pay the full contribution please let us know and we can work out scholarships and/or work-trade arrangements as needed.

To register please email a short bio and statement of interest to mangoespurple@gmail.com

Last date for registrations is 22nd June, 2014.

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“The [facilitation] tools and matter was very simple and yet the impact still exists in my mind. It helped me understand my communication and listening therefore helping me to understand myself and people around me better.”