



Sustainability Quest 2006: The Journey to Sustain Ourselves, Our Organizations, and Our Communities

Peakinsight LLC is pleased to announce our third annual "People Changing Their World" event. We want to impact the ideas, dialogue, and actions taken today to ensure a future that is both sustainable and equitable for generations to come.

Our 2006 fall institute will address sustainability at multiple levels: personal, professional, organizational, and community. Participants will examine their own ecological footprint and share best practices for changing lifestyle and consumption patterns. We will examine how several different companies and communities are addressing sustainability issues. We will explore ways to influence and shape the strategic direction of our organizations, and identify places where we can intervene in community affairs.

We are not acting alone. People are working around the world to bring sustainable practices into their communities. Participants will share stories about activities in their own regions and hear about what is happening in places such as Las Gaviotas (a model community in Colombia), Kufunda Village (a learning centre in rural Zimbabwe) and Kobunaki (an eco-village being developed in Japan).

Great change requires multiple levels of involvement, commitment, and most of all: **ACTION!** We invite you to join the Sustainability Quest, to contribute what is working in your own life and be inspired by what others are doing.

Our learning journey will focus on the following 3 themes:

(1) Quest for Personal Sustainability:

- "A Quest for Sustainability Beginning with Human Development"
- "Making Local Choices for Food, Transportation, Housing and Energy"

(2) Quest for Organizational Sustainability:

- "Using Systems Thinking in Our Work"
- Nike case: "Sustainable Manufacturing Takes a Village"
- Wal-Mart case: "Business vs. Community Show-Down"

(3) Quest for Community Sustainability:

- "Appreciative Inquiry for Community Visioning"
- "Disaster Recovery on the Gulf Coast"

The institute will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 28, 2006. It will officially end at 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 29. While the event will include some presentations, the major format will be small-group discussions. Participants will grapple with issues in their own personal/professional lives and communities - and develop keener insight about available options (as well as tools) for change.

Who should attend?

- Environmental leaders seeking to address sustainability from multiple perspectives.
- Managers wanting to better understand sustainability issues and how change can be implemented.
- Change agents working to shift organizations onto a more sustainable path.
- Community organizers involved in building more sustainable communities.
- Anyone wanting to be part of a dialogue about creating a more sustainable world.

What will you take away?

- Best practices for living more sustainably in a world dominated by consumption.
- Case studies to help you evaluate sustainability efforts in your own organization.
- Tools for implementing sustainability in your own community.
- Storytelling and experiential activities that will inspire your imagination.
- Opportunities for networking and collaboration to help you sustain momentum after leaving the event.

Registration

The institute fee is \$145. This does not include transportation or lodging. You can register for the entire institute (\$145), for Saturday only (\$90), or Sunday only (\$55). The event will be limited to 30 participants. Please register early to reserve your place. We are organizing a virtual dialogue for participants to start networking online before the event begins. Most activities will be held in the Student Memorial Lounge at the College Union Building at Fort Lewis College which is located on the mesa overlooking Durango, Colorado. Call 970-247-1180 to register or visit www.peakinsight.com.