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Invite you to Ireland's first

Authentic Leadership Café

On Wednesday 29 April 2009 from 2.00pm to 5.00pm at

**Cultivate, Living & Learning Centre,
Essex St West, Temple Bar, Dublin**

This event will provide amazing networking and learning opportunities for around 100 diverse people with a common interest in the development of authentic leadership in Ireland.

What Do We Mean By The Words 'Authentic Leadership'?

Although it may be hard to define, most of us know it when we see it. We recognize it in personal examples, whether it is an historical figure, a neighbourhood grandmother, or a politician who is truly inspiring. And we recognize it in our own best moments. When we are authentically present and true to our own internal compass, we are able to bring out the best in others. We are able to communicate without pretence and manipulation because we are not hiding behind ego or driven by fear. We are confident because we trust in the natural intelligence and goodness in ourselves and others. Seeing clearly what is and what could be, we are able to act decisively and effectively. In today's world, authentic leadership is like a breath of fresh air. And it is needed everywhere. We are all being called to rise to this challenge, whatever our position or domain of work. We look forward to exploring further what 'Authentic Leadership' means for each of us. In turbulent times, how do we release the capacity for innovation and leadership within and across our organizations and communities? What simple but powerful approaches and practices will sustain us? How can we work together to co-create the bright new systems of the future?

We know the future will be different from the past – what are the leadership initiatives that need to emerge and grow at this time? How can we make the most of the opportunities of our inter-connectedness? What wisdom do we most need to remember at this critical time?

Event Purpose

To support the development of 'Authentic Leadership' in Ireland by:

- Raising awareness of the global initiative – "Authentic Leadership in Action" (see www.aliainstitute.org for further details);
- Providing a networking opportunity for all those interested in the development of Authentic Leadership in Ireland;
- Creating a seedbed for ideas and initiatives that will help the growth and development of the authentic leadership that Ireland needs today.

Event Format

The afternoon will include lots of opportunities for networking, inspiring and being inspired. People associated with existing initiatives will be encouraged to put up displays. The event will include specific information re ALIA's first European event scheduled to take place in the Netherlands, January 10 to 16, 2010.

(see www.aliainstitute.org/programs/2010europe for details)

The main core of the event will be facilitated using World Café – a method for creating a living network of collaborative dialogue around questions that matter – the working assumption is that everyone has a piece of the wisdom we need and that it is only by coming together that we can connect up and deepen the whole picture. *(An additional benefit of attending this event will be the opportunity to experience café work!)*

A 'harvest' of the product and outcome of discussions will be made available to all participants.

Who Should Attend This Event?

Anyone who wants to! Anyone for whom these words resonate. Anyone who feels called to be involved in the next steps for authentic leadership development in Ireland.

You may already be a recognised leader. You may already be part of leadership development initiatives or you may just feel you have something to contribute. You will recognise that you don't have all the answers and be keen to learn from the experience and perspectives of others. The greater the diversity of people who attend this event, the better it will work. We are deliberately targeting younger people with an interest in leadership, as well as less young people with a wide range of business, community and other experience.

Organising Partners

Authentic Leadership in Action – www.aliainstitute.org

Burren Leadership Forum – www.burrenleadershipforum.ie

The Change Exploratory – www.changeexploratory.ie

Cultivate Living and Learning Centre – www.cultivate.ie

Glencree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation – www.glencree.ie

Irish Coaching Development Network – www.icdn.ie

We share a feeling that this is a time when we need to urgently develop our understanding and practice of leadership as an individual and collective activity. *'The time of the lone wolf is over'. 'We are the leaders we have been waiting for'*

Registration Details

Places are limited to 100 *(early booking is advised)*

Cost per head - €30 *(please let us know if this cost is a problem for you, but you still feel you would like to contribute to this event in some way)*

To download a registration form, please log on to www.changeexploratory.ie

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact:

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