

The Welcome Dinner Project - Changing the face of Australian society one dinner at a time!

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This presentation will outline the initial impetus for The Welcome Dinner Project, its recipe for success and some of challenges encountered along the way, as well as explore opportunities for collaboration and partnerships.

With so much that needs to change in our world it is difficult to know where to begin and what, if anything, will make a lasting difference. The essence of 'presencing' is the experience of the coming in of the new and the transformation of the old. Once this threshold is crossed, nothing remains the same. The Welcome Dinner Project is a movement of new and established Australians connecting over food, addressing the issues of isolation and prejudice in our communities from the grass-roots. Penny will share about how the U process developed by MIT professor Otto Scharmer has informed and inspired the Welcome Dinner Project and helped make it a success. In particular the workshop will explore the art of 'presencing', which is key to the U process and how we can most powerfully lead from the future as it emerges.