



Gathering/Hui Program Outline	
Session	Session Overview
Welcome and Hello Friday May 3 5.00-5.30	<p>Welcome to country On the foreshore of Sydney Harbour, we will meet and acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we gather.</p> <p>The ground on which we stand: Gathering together Theme: The ground from which we come shapes us. Knowing and appreciating our individual and communal ground – the geographical, psychological, community and familial lands of our origin - will inspire this moment of meeting each other through acknowledging and sharing our personal and communal ground.</p>
Session 1 Friday May 3 5.30-7.15	<p>The ground of our perceptions: Organising and being organised by the field</p> <p>Theme: In acts of mutual influence, we are continuously shaping and being shaped by our experiential worlds. Our attitudes and beliefs – conscious and unconscious – inform our every engagement with ourselves and those around us --- including the physical world in which we live. We tend to act in ways that are aligned with our attitudes and beliefs: these are the drivers of our acts of</p>

	<p>compassion and bias; acceptance and prejudice; fairness and discrimination. We are interested in uncovering our perceptual ground and its impact.</p> <p>Process: In the spirit of gathering together we will introduce ourselves in ways that reveal our attitudes and beliefs and help us know more the ground on which we stand.</p> <p>Incorporates pre-Gathering activity 1: Perception</p>
<p>Dinner 7.15 – 9.00</p>	<p>Hospitality: Finger-food, drinks and chatting</p>
<p>Opening Saturday May 4 9.00 – 9.15</p>	<p>Welcome to the Gathering/Hui meeting space</p> <p>Opening: GANZ President and Council Our time together: People, vision and program Orientation to venue</p>
<p>Session 2 Saturday May 4 9.15-12.30</p>	<p>Personal stories of transformation: Me and us – individual and community</p> <p>Theme: We have all experienced moments of transformation. They may be moments of our own or ones we have facilitated or witnessed. In these moments of gold some alchemy is at work. Through personal story telling we will establish a shared ground to help us uncover a range of catalysts for transformation.</p> <p>Process: Mingle to view poster gallery that depicts personal stories of transformation. Free-form conversations and large group sharing.</p> <p>The treasures in our stories: Uncovering catalysts for transformation</p> <p>Theme: Diversity, inequality and dialogue and their polarities of uniformity, equality and isolation reflect some “push and pull” catalysts for transformation. This list is not exhaustive, and this session will focus on eliciting other influences in our lived experience and emergent process that have acted and act as catalysts for transformation. We will focus on the what and how of these processes.</p> <p>Process: Beginning with our personal experience we will review our posters to elicit the catalysts for transformation at work in our lives. Free-form conversations and a live-poster making process will be used to illustrate the catalysts identified and to extend the list suggested in the theme statement.</p> <p>Incorporates pre-Gathering activity 2: Experience</p>
<p>Lunch 12.30</p>	<p>Hospitality: Munch, mingle, meet and explore</p>
<p>Session 3 Saturday May 4 2.00 – 5.00</p>	<p>Grappling with dilemmas: Catalysts for delivering transformation on the ground</p> <p>Theme: Delivering transformation on the ground often evokes resistance that reflects forces for change and sameness. Constraints to transformation are a</p>

	<p>universal phenomenon that have the capacity to generate endless dilemmas. This session will consider these dilemmas and how to work with them in specific areas of personal interest such as counselling, psychotherapy, social activism, research, GANZ and other organisations, community settings, politics and society etc.</p> <p>Process: Self-organising discovery groups to explore specific dilemmas that operate to constrain meaningful change and catalysts for transformation in your areas of interest. Free-form conversations and feedback session.</p>
Dinner 6.30–12.00	<i>Hospitality: Celebrating being together - dine, dance and play</i>
GANZ Sunday May 5 8.30	<p>GANZ Council Space: Supporting our leaders – leading our community</p> <p>A Council facilitated opportunity to clarify the relationships between the roles and responsibilities of Council and the needs of members and the broader community.</p>
Session 4 Sunday May 5 9.30-12.30	<p>Actions in the field: Engaging our interests</p> <p>Theme: Informed by the nature of constraints and resourced by a deeper understanding of catalysts for transformation this session will focus on areas of personal passion and our individual and collective desire to act. Intentions for action and support for acting will be identified with attention on how to transform constraining dilemmas in ourselves and others into meaningful action.</p> <p>Process: Self-organising discovery groups and presentation of proposals for action in soap-box feedback session.</p> <p>Incorporates pre-Gathering activity 3: Action</p>
Lunch 12.30	<i>Hospitality: Munch, mingle and network</i>
Session 5 Sunday May 5 2.00 – 4.30	<p>Every story is us – every action is ours: Going forward together</p> <p>Theme: Each one of us is the individual expression of our communities and our communities express themselves through us. Development in any location is mutually beneficial development and suffering in any location is shared suffering. This session will review what has emerged in our conversations and identify how we might go forward together as agents for transformation.</p> <p>Process: Whole group discussion and feedback on proposals, and potential mutual supports for action. Forming loose communities and sub-groups of interest and action.</p>
Goodbye 4.30 – 5.00	Completion and farewells