



Oases Graduate School

Futures we're in. Leadership in times of uncertainty

Wednesday October 15th 2008

A series of workshops for thinking, dialogue and action

The current social and environmental challenges that confront us appear apocalyptic - denial, despair and the expectation of quick-fixes are the usual responses. However there are other paths to creatively engage with uncertainty. We can better deal with the consequences for our selves, our communities and our planet.

Nic Frances, author of 'The End of Charity'

Professor Frank Fisher, Australian Environmental Educator of the Year

Dr Cristina Neesham, author of 'Human and Social Progress'

Dr Tricia Hiley, Organisational Consultant 'Potential Space'

Themes of the workshop:

- Challenging 'maps and models' that are no longer adequate,
- Understanding imperatives for engaging markets and social values,
- Adapting forms of leadership that will respond to these challenges and dilemmas,
- Developing frameworks that are appropriate for our organisations and groups.

Relevant for all who work in strategy, planning and innovation for business, government, and not-for-profit sectors.

The oases Graduate School focuses on **methods of inquiry** that are transformative and participatory. We provide a place where people can explore ways of knowing that involve head, heart and hands.

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The Augustine Centre

2 Minona Street Hawthorn 9819 2844

Cost \$300. Subsidies available.

Registration at 9.00 commence at 9.30 Finish at 4.30

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Workshop 2 on November 20th 'Understanding the impact of uncertainty on individuals'

"No problem can be solved from the same level of consciousness that created it."

Albert Einstein



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Facilitators:

Nic Frances MBE is a world renowned social entrepreneur. He believes that social-purpose businesses need to apply value-centred market economics if we are to address global problems of climate change and poverty. Nic is the founding chairman and CEO of Cool nrg International, and former CEO of the Brotherhood of St Laurence. He is also an invited member of the World Economic Forum. In 2008 he published 'The End of Charity: time for social enterprise'.

Frank Fisher is Professor at the National Centre for Sustainability at Swinburne University. Frank advocates that humans create their expectations of the world socially and therefore can change them - socially. In 2006 he was named inaugural Australian environmental educator of the year, and recently published "Response-ability: Environment Health & Everyday Transcendence".

Cristina Neesham PhD has extensive research experience in issues of human fulfilment and social progress. She argues for a relational perspective to values and for the safeguarding of ideals of human fulfilment against technocratic approaches. Cristina has taught in Australia, Bucharest University of Economics and Transylvania University of Brasov. In 2008 she published "Human and social progress: projects and perspectives".

Tricia Hilley PhD is the Academic Chair of the oases Graduate School - a community-based Masters Program that promotes collaborative thinking, purposeful dialogue and mindful action. She is also the founder of 'PotentialSpace', a micro-business which fosters learning practices for living and working.

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