

The Pilgrim Way: Courageous Conversations on the Leadership Journey with David Whyte

April 22-23, 2013 | Toronto, Canada



Conversation Series

Join us

We welcome David Whyte back to Toronto for this workshop that will explore the great questions of human life and leadership through the eyes of the pilgrim.

“In the word pilgrim”, according to David Whyte, “we have one of the more accurate descriptions of a human life; someone passing through relatively quickly, someone searching for the biggest context they can find or imagine, someone dependent on friendship, hospitality and help from friends and strangers alike, someone who has to ask for both visible and invisible help; someone for whom the nature of the destination changes step by step as the supposed destination approaches, and someone subject to the vagaries of wind and weather along the way, but someone also in need of both adventure and good company.”

One of the central themes of the workshop will be internal resilience, the necessity for following a certain star that may not be seen or perceived by anyone else, a form of internal migration, a path running parallel to the outer road keeping any outward journey in the world relevant and true. We will look at the necessity for hardiness, for shelter, for risk, for companionship and real friendship, for the practised art of a robust vulnerability; for creating a more beautiful mind and the absolute need to ask for help at transition points combined with an ability to recognize when it is being offered and the humour, humility and open hands necessary to receive it.



The workshop will draw on David’s most recent book of poetry, Pilgrim, the broader repertoire of his previous work and the lives and understanding of other poets and philosophers.

The Format

David and participants deeply enjoy and value a format that allows for deep conversation, space to reflect on powerful questions and gathering together in great company.

The workshop starts with a shared lunch on the first day, followed by a session with David to set the scene. The day will end with an exquisite dinner and we encourage guests to stay overnight at Kingbridge to fully experience personal time and time together in conversation. The second day begins at 9:30am and finishes at 4:30pm.

Venue

[The Kingbridge Conference Centre](#), is just outside near Toronto, Canada. Kingbridge is a beautiful 113-acre campus – a perfect setting for this workshop.



Kingbridge is located in King City, Toronto, at 12750 Jane Street, just 20 minutes from Toronto’s Pearson International Airport.

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Registration

To support the conversation environment, there are a limited number of spaces available. We encourage you to register early.

We are also offering a reduced early bird rate of CAD \$875 + HST if booked by midnight on February 28th. After March 1, the fee is CAD \$975 + HST. Registration includes lunch and dinner on the first day and breakfast and lunch on the second day, along with refreshments.

To register: <http://contextconsulting.com/davidwhyte.php>

For more information: moreinfo@contextconsulting.com

Booking Overnight Accommodations

Kingbridge is offering guests that are attending this event a very preferred rate of \$118+HST/night/person for single occupancy and \$78+HST/night/person for double occupancy. For those interested in booking a room for the evening of April 22nd, please call 905-833-3086 or 1-800-827-7221. Please make reference to your attendance at the David Whyte event.

Cancellation Fees

There will be a 100% cancellation fee if notification of cancellation is received less than 6 weeks before the event. You are welcome to send someone in your place.

David Whyte

David is first and foremost a poet. Born of an Irish mother, he grew up among the hills and valleys of Yorkshire and currently lives with his family in the Pacific Northwest. He holds a degree in Marine Biology, an Honorary Doctorate and has travelled extensively. David is a fellow of the Said Business School, University of Oxford.



His work has struck a resonant chord within organisations and in personal and professional development arenas around the world. He is an inspiring speaker who, with a poet's insight, speaks to our human condition and to the core of the challenges individuals and organisations face today, and offers a vision for the way ahead.

David's client list includes: Astra Zeneca, The Boeing Company, Deloitte, Innogy, The Industrial Society, Lucent Technology, Mattel, McKinsey, Microsoft, Nasa, Novartis, The Royal Air Force, Standard Chartered Bank, Stanford University, State of the World Forum, Said Business School, University of Oxford, Toyota, Unilever & Visa International.

He has published seven books of poetry including *River Flow New & Selected Poems* and his latest collection *Pilgrim* published in 2012. David is also the author of the best-selling prose books, *The Heart Aroused*, *Crossing the Unknown Sea* and *The Three Marriages: Reimagining Work, Self and Relationship*.