

ABOUT MARY STACEY



Mary is Context's founder. She combines her role as managing director with select client engagements, innovative projects in leadership development, and university teaching.

Mary's work with executive leadership teams increases their effectiveness in the midst of escalating complexity. She is known for delivering high-impact change strategies that create a leadership culture and align capabilities with business needs. Her leadership designs have been named best practice in multinational corporations, profiled by the US based Information Management Forum and in Life Science Leader. She also facilitates multi-stakeholder collaborations on global challenges, most recently The Climate Gathering in Europe. In 2014, she initiated the Burren Executive Leadership Retreat, an annual gathering in Ireland of global leaders who are navigating complex systems.

Mary's articles have appeared in strategy+business magazine, The Change Handbook: Best Methods for Engaging Whole Systems, and the Context Brief: Adaptive Leadership Networks in Global Organizations. She recently presented at the World Institute for Action Learning, the MaRS Discovery District, The Conference Board of Canada, and the Society for Organizational Learning.

Mary holds an MA in Organizational Leadership and Learning and is a certified executive coach qualified to work with a variety of development assessments. She teaches in the Strategic Leadership Advanced program at the University of Toronto, where she also regularly works with delegations from China.

In her coaching relationships, team development, and capacity-building initiatives Mary takes a developmental approach that allows leaders to reach beyond short-term behavior change to expand their mindset and capabilities in ways that are well-matched to today's interconnected, rapidly changing environments. She is a co-founder of Action Inquiry Associates, which has developed the Global Leadership Profile to assess and support leaders' expansion beyond technical leadership competence to adaptive leadership capacity.

