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Genuine Contact Storytelling Circle - preparations

Warmly welcome to Genuine Contact Storytelling Circle – open to anyone interested to learn how the Genuine Contact™ program is used around the world.

If you are interested to share a story, please prepare for the session by thinking of a story that you would like to share about using Genuine Contact in your work and/or life. After you have told your story we will invite you to conclude by sharing one significant learning you had as well as one compelling question that the experience of the story brought to life for you. The others will be invited to share their insights.

Please feel welcome to come, even if you don't wish to share a story - listening is as important.

Below you find some background info and info for those who may be new to Blackboard platform we use during the meeting (NOTE: Prepare in time to be sure to participate!!!)

With warm greetings,

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If you have any questions don't hesitate to get in touch with any of us!

NEW TO BLACKBOARD SOFTWARE?

IF YOU ARE NEW TO DISTANCE MEETINGS USING BLACKBOARD SOFTWARE you need to check your computer WELL IN ADVANCE TO MAKE SURE YOU CAN PARTICIPATE.

You find the information you need here:

<http://support.blackboardcollaborate.com/ics/support/default.asp?deptID=8336&task=knowledge&questionID=1473>

Go through step 1 & 2 and preferably do the online orientation.

BACKGROUND INFO

This initiative was taken during the International Genuine Contact mentoring circle, December 2nd 2012 where the focus was on implementing our strategic plan. Before the first circle we did some explorative work to agree on the basics for this initiative. Our conclusions are below:

The purpose is to strengthen our community as well as individual GC-professionals.

Leadership: We think continuity is important so to start, we offer to hold this space every other month for the first 6 months. After that we hope others may join us taking

turns organizing the meetings. The three of us take an initial leadership. During the events we will invite leadership from within our community - to share stories from work done around the world, using the GC approach and program.

Our vision is that these events will be well known, even famous, in our community. This will create a pool of stories and business cases. We also hope that there will be a number of GC facilitators who regularly show up to share and listen to each other. Our vision is that this will lead to more genuine contact, more energy and increased relations in the GC community. Our initiative will give more courage to go into new challenges.

Community: We want to invite GC professionals of "all sorts", "new" as well as "old" ones. Also people who don't know much about GC and who wish to come to listen, share and learn. Anyone of the participants are invited to share whatever story they want to – however they connect it to genuine contact.

Management: These Storytelling sessions will be held as distance meetings in Whole Person Process Facilitation (WPPF). Blackboard Collaborate will be used as a technical platform. Each session will be recorded to capture the stories. So stories shared will be available to others in our community and they may also be spread "outside". Initially the meetings will last for about 2 hours. When there are many participants the time may be extended with 30 minutes.
