# Change your story. Change the world The Story Activist Intensive

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Saturday, 27 January, 10:00 - 16:00 at Oldschool Amsterdam, Gaasterlandstraat 3-5, Amsterdam



In this very moment a story is influencing your future. Stories are the human operating system and the stories we hold about the world help to create the reality we experience. Stories of the past and present, from our culture, our families, our communities and our workplaces influence whether we see possibilities or problems together.

So many of us have that feeling that the current ways we think and act about community, consuming, energy and the future of humanity are leading us into a more challenging future. We're working hard to change things, but they don't seem to be changing very fast. In fact, sometimes our toughest conflicts are with people who say they are on the same team!

**Our stories can hold us down, or they can lift us up.** The key is realising that we live in a story, and that means we can change it. Change your story, change the world. It is as simple – and as challenging – as that. One thing is certain – our stories are the road taking us into the future. So how do you find, craft and live a clear, compelling story that creates a powerful present and leads to a more flourishing future?

# One key lies in Story Activism.

A Story Activist is someone who works with the stories of people, places and things to discover and activate their greatest potential. In essence, we all activate stories inside and around ourselves every day -- it's just that most of us don't realise we are. Story Activist practices are the building blocks for taking strategic action.

We begin with five foundational practices for increasing our range of vision and capacity for engaging, leading to clarity on your own gifts and goals. Where and how will you take action? We add to these five additional practices for creating the team and the deep personal practice that can make an impact. Together, these 10 practices are a strategic call to your vision in action.

In this one day intensive we will work with the 10 practices of Story Activism to create a practical roadmap to a more thriving





#### What we will cover

- How stories work and why they are the foundation of any change
- What is Story Activism?
- The 10 practices of Story Activism and how they can work for you
- Practical exercises and tools you can use with others
- Working with peers to shape and sharpen your personal roadmap

### How we will work

This will be a highly participatory and hands on workshop. Please come prepared with the area you want to focus on -- a work or community challenge, career, life issue -- what is most important to you right now? This will be your focus for the day.

Please also come prepared to share your stories, your questions and your gifts as we support each other to look for new perspectives, opportunities and places to apply what we're learning.

The workshop will be conducted in English.

#### Who should attend

- Those who want to explore tools to create more clarity and innovation in their work.
- Those who want to influence with integrity.
- Team members or leaders who want to help shape a group's success.
- Leaders or activists in work or life at any level.
- Process hosts or meeting leaders who want to extend their skills.

# **Practical information**

Location: Oldschool Amsterdam, Gaasterlandstraat 3-5, Amsterdam. Close to the RAI convention centre. Date and time: January the 27th (a saturday) 10.00 - 16.00

**Costs**: €50 per person; coffee, lunch and drinks included. (Graag contant betalen bij aanvang van de bijeenkomst, heb je je aangemeld en je komt niet of zegt af dan krijg je van ons een factuur voor 25 euro achteraf. Bij betaling ontvang je van ons een factuur in hard copy :)

If the costs are a issue,, please contact Thijs or Sharona. Our intention is support everyone to join in.

To register, contact Thijs Haverkamp (thijs@newnrg.nl) or Sharona Ceha (Sharona.Ceha@urgenda.nl)



#### Workshop leader

**Mary Alice Arthur** is a Story Activist, using Story to help make positive systemic shift and for applying collective intelligence to the critical issues of our times. Her art is in creating spaces where people can find the stories that take them to their most flourishing future. Building the capacity for participatory practice supports people to take back the power of their stories so they can make wiser choices. She is a sought after process consultant and event host, and an engaging speaker. As an international steward of the Art of Hosting (www.artofhosting.org) she teaches participatory practice around the world. Through The Story Dojo, she is spreading the meme of Story Activism, supporting people to develop their skills and practice and engaging in leading edge conversations about the power and potential in our world. Mary Alice has lived all over the world and is currently back in the US after 35 years.