



**Come Join Us for a Regional Conversation...**

**About 21<sup>st</sup> Century Educational and Career Options for Young People  
A Conversation that is Different By Design... Utilizing *Open Space Technology***

**June 11, 2009**

**8:30-2:30pm**

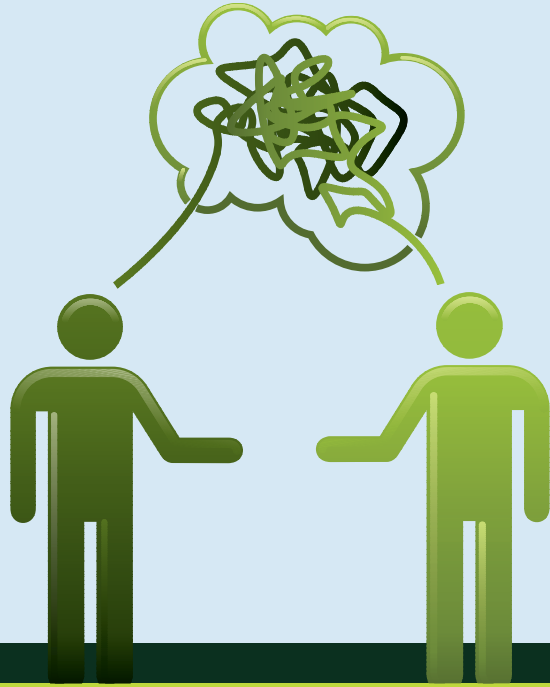
**Kittredge Center, Holyoke Community College  
Continental Breakfast and Lunch Provided**

**“A** new conversation is the energy source and lifeblood of community. In the absence of a new conversation, we are sentenced to have the old conversation over and over and over again. Repeating the same conversation is the source of our cynicism. It [a new conversation] entails the pursuit of increasingly powerful & confronting questions. In this context, the questions are more important than the answers.”

Peter Block

“We desperately need... we may not survive without... a generation of young people who are imaginative, inventive, fearless learners, and compassionate leaders. Yet... no generation in history has ever been so thoroughly prepared for the industrial age.”

David Warlick



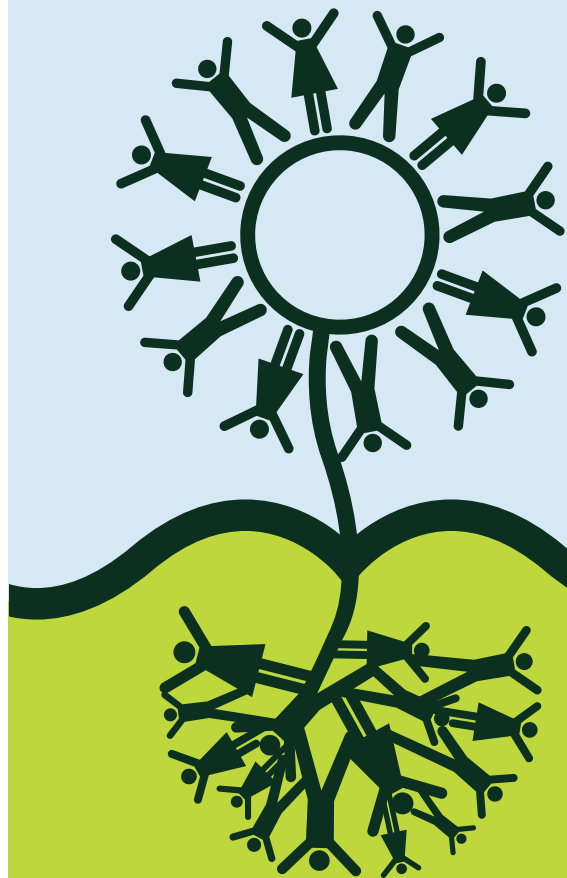
“In these troubled, uncertain times... we need better means to engage everyone's intelligence in solving challenges and crises as they arise.”

Margaret J. Wheatley

Open Space Gatherings are typically held to create a new vision, figure out how to implement a strategy, plan a significant change, solve a complex or intractable problem, invent a new product or prepare for community action.

Since 1985, Open Space Technology has been used in more than sixty countries by a wide range of governments, companies, community groups and non-profits including:

- Girl Scouts International
- IKEA
- McCain Foods
- National YWCA



Until today....  
what questions, assumptions, ideas, and innovations  
have we yet  
to ask, challenge, tap into, and implement  
that could UNLEASH possibilities,  
TRANSFORM young people's futures and  
INSPIRE us all  
to RADICALLY STRENGTHEN our communities?

*Join us on June 11th as this conversation takes root.*

Please register your interest to attend this gathering by **May 29, 2009**, at:  
<http://www.doe.mass.edu/conference/?ConferenceID=672>

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