

Comments from a 3-hour workshop held for the Community Learning Network Oct. 12, 2005, at The Banff Centre

I'd love to be a part of a longer session. I could sure see this work in many-any organization.

Was very positive - gave great ideas on the images you send out and what you receive back.

This workshop is a wonderful fresh approach to dealing with everyday challenges in a positive way.

Excellent way to frame organizational problems and issues to move forward with change process in an innovative and responsible fashion.

Great intro. Now just need/want more. Liked the links to other disciplines psychology, medicine etc.

It will help me in my workplace - how I work with my staff & board. I have not heard of Appreciative Inquiry before this workshop. I like how it has challenged my thinking & put a positive spin on how I look at my work, staff and the services we provide.

You are a wonderful speaker - inspirational. Thank you.

Very informative. Nice to have a new approach.

Great use of handouts, instruction & group involvement. We do need to focus on the positive to release the potential energy of all persons in our organization. Negativism shuts people down.

Comments from two 90-minute workshops held for the *Vitalize* Provincial Voluntary Sector Conferences, June 12th, 2004 and June 9th, 2006 at the Shaw Convention Centre, Edmonton

Excellent content - Delivery was creative and professional as I would expect!

Excellent session. I definitely want to learn more! Incorporation of the drum was a nice touch.

Fabulous!

Great intro to AI - rejuvenates individuals - making us connect back with the reasons we volunteer with our organization - really great to have small group, 1 on 1 discussions

Great session. Excellent facilitation.

Handout was great - how AI will benefit a group, organization and community.

Having attended many, many conferences this is a new & innovative idea, one which I would love to explore further. I found this session to be energizing.

I will try to get Jim to present to many agencies in my community.

Incredible!! A remarkable experience.

The exercises were useful and fun. Great job on demonstrations and relative content.

Lots of group participation, very practical and hands-on.

Most life affirming.

So clear, so obvious and so energizing.

This session was the best I have attended at this conference! Jim did an outstanding job of compressing his topic to the time allowed and succeeded in wetting my appetite for more. Thankyou.

The drumming analogy of a 4/4 rhythm morphing into more complicated ideas phenomenal. I also like the fact that Jim did not rely on a PowerPoint presentation to convey his information.

Bring Jim Taylor back again he was great!

I can just imagine how informative a whole retreat would be. I feel this session will be the most helpful for me in my return to my organization. FABULOUS!

Jim did a great job of compiling a huge topic into a short session as an introductory topic. Great balance of lecturing and discussion. Drumming activity was fun.

Liked the breakout session to demonstrate AI. Have read about AI on internet, but info always sparse. Thanks for future reads etc.

Comments from several full day AI workshops held in Red Deer, Edson Medicine Hat, Camrose, Edmonton, Calgary, Lacombe, Bashaw

I enjoyed it very much. Very well done. Very profound "quotes".

If I get 1 great idea from a day long session I have received my money's worth. I got a fabulous idea today.

Seeing a different way to view the world was worth the whole day.

Very positive - it is exactly what I needed. It would have been wonderful to have more people from our organization here.

I had a very enjoyable day. I hope to implement appreciative inquiry in my daily life.

Very good indeed. Thank you Jim! Fun at challenging one's stinking thinking!

Blessed be - the message is wonderful!

Leaves me feeling generally uplifted.

A very important way to look at not only our workplaces, but our everyday lives as well. The world would be a better place if everyone, even a few more people would practice a little AI. Thanks very much for the day!

I really enjoyed having a booklet to take. That will be so much more useful than notes and handouts. Excellent resources.

Helpful - some interesting strategies to consider.... Thanks a day well spent.

Thank you to all involved in the organization and fulfillment of this life giving workshop.

The principles can be applied on every aspect of work and personal life. Once a more conscious application occurs the first few times, it will become a regular practice with very positive results.

Thank you. I appreciated being here with these people and this leader.

Thank you - a very well-crafted workshop!

It feels like entering into a new culture that is more open, affirming, positive and powerful than the one in which I usually live.

Thank you Jim! My naturally optimistic approach has been affirmed.

Reaffirmation of some of the ideals I strongly hold. I will apply the additional AI skills. ... Presentation was very well done. I thought it was very informative. Definitely a topic I want to learn more about.

Personally I have been working at having a more positive attitude in all aspects of my life. This has given me a tool to help with that process.

The workshop was wonderful. It certainly gave us a new way of looking at creating change. I can see where I can use it in my business life as well as my personal life.

I loved the notion that the best way to create change is to focus on what you want to happen. It is so easy to focus on the negative.

A great experience. Truly valuable info gained inexpensively.

An excellent workshop, relaxed environment added to enjoyment. Sometimes we forget about the positive but this was a great refresher!

Enjoyed the dynamics in the group.... I'm excited about going back to work and implementing the principles.

I was really happy with this. It makes so much common sense and it is really a switch of the mindset that is negative in most of our lives.... I recommend this to any groups or organizations. We need to view things positively and perhaps the world will become more positive.

Energized at the thought of trying this in our organization. I liked sorting through the themes around "quality of work life". It has given me a vision of what could be.

Great positive day, thank you. Inspires me to be more positive in work and personal life. Turn the negative to positive.

Wonderful principles and ideas. I can see how AI can transform the workplace and my home. I was glad that my co-workers were able to share in the workshop and the vision.

I personally found the workshop to be informative, lively and interesting.

Having attended a previous workshop (on conflict resolution), I knew that Jim would have great information that would be relevant to my work today.

I can take this to a hurting organization.

I liked the talking about peak experiences and action planning successes. Really liked the handout booklet. v. good.

I think this will be very helpful in working with my team, as well as with my children. I am glad I had the opportunity to attend this workshop and look forward to reading more.

AI principles are a way to approach my life and all my relationships. What excited me the most about today was the potential for my life. Thank you.

I love your balance of professionalism & positive/gentle approach.

I think I will suggest that we regularly ask "What was the best thing that happened to you this week?" in our weekly meetings.