

2019 Professional Retreat

GRITTY CONVERSATIONS: CROSS-CULTURAL DECISION-MAKING

Presented by Sarah M Blake

A forum for leaders ready to clarify their purpose, commit to action and shake up industries.

Had enough of investing in conferences where the best knowledge and networking happens during the breaks?

Are you sick of all the feel-good talk that seems to miss the hard conversations that are needed?

We know that working on the cutting edge is hard. If pushing for change has left you feeling frustrated or burnt out, this experience is for you.

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We invite you to join a select group of quality professionals from across multiple industries who are ready to lead change.

THIS RETREAT IS FOR YOU IF YOU:

- Are negotiating with external stakeholders
- Are resolving a dispute or crisis
- Are solving people issues that are impacting on your bottom line
- Are managing reputational risks
- Are managing cross-border or cross-cultural challenges and;
- Have the knowledge, experience and are ready to step up and shape your industry

What's it all about?

“An opportunity to clarify your purpose and commit to action”

The theme for our 2019 event is Cross-Cultural Decision-Making and over three days will we embrace the breadth of multi-disciplinary experience and cultural diversity from across our nation and beyond.

This is your chance to calibrate, innovate and connect through gritty conversations that matter. We've set the scene in the beautiful Adelaide Hills – with a fire burning, sweeping views, good food and drink and a program designed to shake up the future of complex decision making in a modern world.

How are we different?

- We know your time is precious – so we have designed a program that is focused on practical outcomes and action.
- We help you explore to integrate the experience back at work so you can get on with influencing change.
- We celebrate the collective wisdom that you all bring to this space and we want to create pathways for you to network, collaborative and support each other.

We are creating
an exclusive, confidential
and professional space
to have the hard
conversations about our
industry challenges.

OUR RETREAT WILL FOCUS ON THESE CORE VALUES:

- **Calibration:** Understanding what is important to you as an individual and your profession
- **Innovation:** Our focus will be on problem solving and discovering how we can best influence change on a personal, business or community level.
- **Connection:** Creating professional networks that value people and communities not just the bottom dollar.

Who should attend?

High-quality, diverse professionals who are feeling frustrated within their industry and are ready to be innovators in their field.

Does this sound like you?

- Executive, professional or leadership responsibilities
- Has worked or is working in the cross-cultural decision-making space
- Meet or exceed industry standard for quality assurance and continuous improvement practices
- Demonstrating open and collaborative leadership
- Taking personal responsibility for strategic decision making and problem solving
- Understanding the unknown or grey space of conflict is an opportunity for discovery

What is included?

We want to provide you with the space to participate in a retreat that is both exclusive and practical. With only 15 guests attending, you can be assured that you and your needs matter to us. The beautiful Adelaide Hills will provide the perfect winter retreat space with open fires, good food and great company.

- Three day catered retreat in the Adelaide Hills including Special Guest
- Preparation Pack
- Resource Kit
- Invitation to exclusive LinkedIn Group
- Zoom Conference 1 hour introductions
- Conference Gift
- Full Conference Report (pdf)
- Post workshop follow up Zoom Conference 3 months later



THE PROGRAM

DATE	CONTENT	TIME
Wednesday 17th July 2019	Arrival and check-in at the venue.	Check in from 2:30pm
	Welcome and group dinner.	5:30pm
Thursday 18th July 2019	Calibration: Who we are and what matters to us. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of key challenges • Smaller and larger group sessions 	9:30am start 4:30pm conclusion
	Hosted BBQ dinner.	5:30pm
Friday 19th July 2019	Innovation: What do we want for the future? Influencing change (guest speaker). Small and larger group sessions focussed on problem solving. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does the future hold • What are the opportunities • How might we influence change • What can we each do to contribute 	9:30am start 4:30pm conclusion
	Dinner in Hahndorf.	5:30pm
Saturday 20th July 2019	Connect: How will we commit to influencing change? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do we take forward? • What is our message? • Where to from here? 	9:30am start 1:30pm conclusion

Register Now!

Reserve your place at this exclusive event by accessing our registration form here



Guest Speaker

shevonne joyce

Shevonne Joyce is a Brand Strategist: helping high calibre leaders to become the ultimate brand in their industry.

She's built a trusted brand, with her innovative thought leadership reaching over 60 countries and 3.9+ million. Her unique mind teaches clients how to create timeless and deeply admired leadership brands through thinking big, having courageous conversations, building powerful movements and presenting compelling ideas that have not been widely considered before.

Shevonne has been appointed as a judge for both the Telstra Business Awards and Women's Business Awards, has been named as one of the Top 10 Australian Women Entrepreneurs, one of the Top Business Thinkers by Smartcompany.com.au, alongside Naomi Simson, in the 99 'Limit Breaking' Female Founders and has been nominated in the AFR Top 100 Women of Influence Awards.

More about Shevonne's work and testimonials can be found here: www.shevonnejoyce.com



Are you ready to bring your knowledge and experience together to help shake up and shape your industry?

Then this is the investment for you.

DETAILS

Investment: \$2500 +GST

Date: Wednesday 17th – Saturday 20th July
Commencing at 5:30pm 17th July
Concluding 1:30pm 20th July

Location: Adelaide Hills Convention Centre
145A Mount Barker Road,
Hahndorf South Australia 5245

Accommodation:
Accommodation to be booked direct with the venue (rooms reserved).

Flights: Direct flights from across Australia to Adelaide are available.

Check-in at the Convention Centre is open from 2:30pm. The event commences at 5:30pm

Transportation:
The venue is a short 30 minute drive from the Airport.

Registration:
To apply on-line **CLICK HERE**

If you would like to find out more or would like to submit your expression of interest please contact us at info@sdblake.com or call Sarah 0419 841 184 and ask about our 'Gritty Conversations Retreat 2019'



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