



connecting networks

changing the way we impact the world.

November 29th – December 1st 2017
Paretz, Germany

Program

“Connecting Networks” will combine thought-provoking impulses, inspiring case studies, joint design sessions and a hosted space to think and create. Great food, a peaceful natural environment and light evening programming will round off the experience and allow us to get to know each other in a relaxed setting.

Together, we will seek to identify opportunities and pathways for our institutions as network-builders, learn about the tools and techniques required for the task, and prepare ourselves for what it may take to drive the desired change and innovation within our own institutions.

The workshop sessions will be focused on:

- Envisioning the opportunities and potential of networks
- Introducing key tools and techniques of network-building
- Assessing readiness and further support needs of our institutions
- Identifying starting points and mapping the strategic journey ahead
- Connecting with and learning from each other as peers in leading institutions

Note: The final program, schedule and list of contributing guests and experts will be released by November 15th.

Principles

Focusing as much on ‘what’ as on ‘how’, “Connecting Networks” invites philanthropic institutions to strategize like never before: Hands On, Creative, With Peers and As Part of Something Bigger.

- *Hands On.* Switch from concept to practice, tailored to institutional needs and context. Treating the participants as entrepreneurs and architects of the solutions.
- *Creative.* Giving space to experiment, play and thinking differently. Allowing a safe space for the new to be explored, formed... and maybe being changed again.
- *With Peers.* Learning and being as a group. Sharing and supporting each other openly. Building connections that last beyond the sessions and establish a community of practice.
- *As Part of Something Bigger.* Triggering ambitions that are larger than any single one institution. Supporting the partnership that is needed to achieve the full potential of networks.

Participation

The program is designed for philanthropic institutions (private and public) that see the opportunity in networks and are eager to get to work. We are envisioning up to three participants from 8-12 institutions, and are encouraging participation from the executive level, strategic management and network leaders.

All expenses during the event (incl. accommodation and drinks/meals) will be covered by the Robert Bosch Stiftung. Participants are only responsible for the travel costs to and from Berlin.