

## **Living Into a New Story in Cedar Rapids**

Small group gathers to cross boundaries and ignite transformative change

For the longest time things have been done a certain way in Cedar Rapids-Iowa City Creative Corridor. Those ways have served the city well. Yet, a small group longed for something richer.

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Chuck Peters, Suj Chandrasekhar, Liz Schott, and Mick Starcevich invited their community to gather in receptive, creative, and listening ways to explore abundance. Their hope was to transcend the boundaries of social circles and cultivate emerging possibility.

What if the Creative Corridor was Authentically Relational, Worldly, Attractive, Fun, Inclusive and Sustainable? How can we unleash the sacred gifts within those around us to cross boundaries and ignite transformative change?

Last Thursday an eclectic group of strangers spent time together to see their community through the eyes of others, to see, and be seen by others. They then explored what was alive for them and what they would like to create together.

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Some felt their time together reminded them of the limits of their past way of operating in their professional and community work and were able to sense a new way. Others learned about their own intentions and willingness to risk.

The group gave life to a dozen ways forward to a new narrative in their community. They will reconvene in small groups in the coming weeks to continue the journey.

If you live in the Iowa City-Cedar Rapids Creative Corridor and would like to follow the story and get involved you can [sign up to receive communications and invitations here](#).

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