

## Council in Schools

### An Introduction to Council with Joe Provisor, the director of the Council in Schools (CIS) Programme in Los Angeles

A three day workshop for educators, social workers, psychologists and all those who work professionally or voluntary in schools or with schools

July 08. (3:00 pm) – 10. (2:00 pm) 2011 in the Eschwege Institute / Germany  
July 15. (1:00 pm) – 17. (4:00 pm) 2011 by iacone GmbH/ Austria

### What is Council?

„Council“ is a nonhierarchical, nonviolent form of communication in Groups with a focus on listening. Council is a way to develop the self esteem and self awareness of the individual, as well as the communication with one another.

Council offers Teams, companies and groups of every kind a highly effective way to design processes, work through crises and conflicts, build community and honour the results achieved. It is one of the most effective ceremonies to develop communities and relationships.

The Ojai Foundation ([www.ojaifoundation.org](http://www.ojaifoundation.org)) in California developed „The Way of Council“ in decades of applied research and has successfully introduced Council to schools, corporations, prisons, health services and communities.

### Who is Joe Provisor?

**Joe Provisor**, M.A, LMFT, is a Council Trainer, a Marriage and Family Therapist, and was a public school teacher for twenty-four years. He has practiced Council in the classroom since 1986, uses the process in his therapeutic practice, and has been a Trainer for The Ojai Foundation since 1994, providing trainings for educators, therapists and business people nationally and internationally. He currently serves as Director of the Ojai Foundation's Council in Schools (CIS) Program and is the Director of Council Practitioners Center (CPC) established in 2006 in the Los Angeles Unified School District's Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and School Support (OCISS). He introduced Council to more than 40 schools.



## What can you expect from this workshop?

Joe Provisor combines playfully a full introduction to Council, with his experiences of how he uses the process in schools and in the Council in Schools (CIS) project, as successfully practiced in the Los Angeles school system. The following areas will be covered:

- Learn how council can serve within team meetings, parent meetings or in the classroom itself.
- Get to know the different formats of council for the different situations and experience them (e.g. basic, web, spiral, fishbowl, learning circle, response, dyadic, witnessing...).
- Learn, to use Council as a way to process what you are reading in the interactive field of the classroom, the school, and the community
- Learn to introduce Council as a way, to elicit from the students what *they* want and need to talk about.
- Begin to develop an idea how YOU can establish a council program in schools and to keep it alive
- Receive a comprehensive handout of the contents discussed and shared

Even though this will be an Introduction Seminar, Joe's training will give the participants the facilitation tools to begin to use council with students, with each other, with parents, and the community. The real learning, as Joe says, comes from being in the circle, and in particular being in the circle with others who would be so bold as to offer circles within a mostly linear institution.

## One additional mentoring day

**Important:** For all those with council experience who are ready and interested in next steps for bringing Council into schools, Joe is able to spend an extra day for mentoring.

This day, the 11<sup>th</sup> of July will be 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, involve 3 sessions together and be organized on the basis of Dana (give away). Please bring your own lunch and make a donation to our work. We will focus on the following topics:

- How to do presentations, when a school only give you 10 – 90 minutes?
- How to design a program that fits the needs and budget of each particular school?
- How to provide mentoring for educators; and how to organize structures for program sustainability

If you do like to get a more lively impression about the work in schools from Joe Provisor, have a look at this link: [www.cis.ojaifoundation.org](http://www.cis.ojaifoundation.org) and watch a 8' film about the school program.

## Two Seminar Dates

**1. Date:** July 08. (3 pm) – 10. (2 pm) 2011, 295, - €, + 96, - € for accommodation and full board,

**Mentoring Day:** 11th of July, the day is held on the base of donation

**Trainer:** Joe Provisor,

**Host:** Gesa Heiten, mother, leadership trainer, consultant, Vision Quest guide, fully dedicated process facilitator and on her path becoming a council trainer,

**Venue:** Campus Peregrini, the training academy of the Eschwege Institute, Germany

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**+11.07. 20011**, Mentoring Day, Dana, for all those, who want to stay

**2.Date:** July 15th (1pm) - 17th (4pm) 2011, 220 – 270 € sliding scale depending on your income, plus costs for accomodation and full board between 92€-158€ (depending on the choosen room)

**Mentoring Day:**18th of July, the day is held on the base of donation

**Trainer:** Joe Provisor

**Host:** Sylke Iacone, iacone GmbH, outdoor educator and trainer, Vision Quest Guide and passionate council facilitator and life long learner

**Venue:** Seminarzentrum Zeitraum close to Salzburg, [www.szz.at](http://www.szz.at),

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