



PROGRAM OVERVIEW & FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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In her powerful book *The Real Wealth of Nations: Creating a Caring Economics*, Dr. Riane Eisler - acclaimed author, activist, and founder of the Center for Partnership Studies - helps connect the dots between economic success, the well-being of human and natural infrastructures, and the visibility and value we give to the work of care and care-giving.

The Caring Economics Leadership Training program is a nine-week, seminar-style online course that offers participants an opportunity to engage deeply with the principles of Caring Economics, connect with other leaders from around the world, and build skill at sharing the insights of Caring Economics with others.

Program Graduates become Certified Conversation Leaders in Caring Economics, prepared to make presentations and facilitate constructive dialogues in their communities and organizations. Certified Conversation Leaders are equipped to:

- 1) Make the case for the kinds of economic indicators we need to effectively measure the health of our human and natural infrastructures
- 2) Show why investment in human infrastructure is the key to economic success in the new economic era
- 3) Explain why the status of women and girls is a powerful predictor of a nation's long-term economic success and quality of life
- 4) Invite audiences to take local action to make the work of caring and caregiving more visible and valued

The Leadership Program includes:

- Seven, 90-minute online lecture and discussion sessions, including a special session devoted to live Q&A with Dr. Riane Eisler.
- Access to a scripted slide presentation which can be customized for local audiences
- A toolkit of facilitation guides and activities to build audience engagement
- A supported practicum experience through which participants build their facility with sharing the Caring Economics messages with others
- Opportunities to join the growing international community of Certified Conversation Leaders, with ongoing access to resources and invitations to special gatherings and events.

Two Tracks: The Caring Economics Leadership Program includes a *Real Wealth Track* for those who want to learn to reach audiences with a broad focus on economic success and better quality of life for everyone, and a *Women's Empowerment Track* for leaders specialized in reaching



groups interested in raising the status of women, developing women's leadership, and women's economic empowerment.

Program Cost: Tuition for the seven-session, nine-week program is \$345.00 US. The Center for Partnership Studies is able to offer a limited number of partial scholarships, which prospective students may apply for as a part of their program application.

To Apply:

1. Review the current schedule and select the cohort group you wish to join
2. Complete the online program application
3. If you wish to apply for a partial scholarship, you'll find a scholarship application built into the program application
4. You'll be notified of acceptance within two weeks of submitting your application.
5. Once you are accepted, you will be asked to register for the course and pay a non-refundable deposit of \$70.00 to reserve your place in the class. (Please Note: You are not guaranteed a space in the class until you have registered and paid the deposit.)
6. The remainder of your tuition will be due 3 weeks prior to the first class session.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

If you have questions that are not addressed in the text below, please contact our Program Administrator, [Sharon Rose](mailto:sharonrose.cps@gmail.com) (sharonrose.cps@gmail.com).

Do you offer scholarships?

Yes. We offer the following scholarships and discount programs:

- We offer a limited number of \$100 scholarships per cohort group. The program application form includes an opportunity to submit a scholarship request, so there's no need to fill out any additional forms.
- Through a special partnership with the California Institute of Integral Studies, CIIS students receive a 20% (\$70) discount on program tuition.
- We also offer discounts for organizations or groups of 5 or more people who wish to complete the training together.
- We also encourage you to ask your employer whether you might be able to apply professional development funds towards this course. The class is designed to build professional capacities not only in the subject matter of caring economics and partnership, but also in the skills of presentation delivery, community engagement, and group facilitation.



What is the difference between the two tracks?

The Real Wealth Track

- Frames Caring Economics as needed shift for quality of life and economic success in new economic era.
- Women's empowerment is framed as essential avenue to quality of life and economic success goals
- Suited to audiences with general quality of life and economic success goals

The Women's Empowerment Track

- Frames Caring Economics as a model and mechanism for empowering women
- Quality of life and economic success are framed as effects of women's empowerment
- Suited to audiences with women's empowerment as primary focus

When is the program offered, and what are the deadlines for application and payment?

The most current Program Schedule is posted on the [Leadership Program Page](#) of the Center for Partnership Studies website. Just click the red "Schedule" button at the top of the page.

How do I apply?

Simply complete the online application form found on the [Leadership Program Page](#)

The schedule indicates deadlines for application submission, and also shows when you will be notified of acceptance and any scholarship awards. Once accepted, you will be asked to confirm your intent to participate by registering and paying a non-refundable deposit of \$70.00 to hold you place in the course.

Is the program appropriate for International participants?

We welcome English-speaking participants from any country. Because the online sessions are held live, there may well be timing issues for international participants. We encourage all international participants to look *carefully* at what time the classes will occur in your home time zone! Also, please be aware that though our existing materials are, in places, US-centered, our facilitators are happy to support you in identifying ways to bring the material most effectively to people in your home country.

How do I make my tuition payment?

Deposits can be paid online at the time of registration, or by check.

You will receive a separate Paypal invoice by email for the remainder of your tuition. You can pay this by Paypal, credit card, or send a check by mail.

If you wish to pay by check, make your check payable to The Center for Partnership Studies, indicate "Leadership Program" in the memo line, and mail to:

Caring Economics Leadership Program
The Center for Partnership Studies
P.O. Box 51936
Pacific Grove, CA 93950 (USA)



How many other students will be in my cohort?

Cohort groups are no larger than 12. Our intention is to create a learning environment that supports each participant in becoming a leader in the Caring Economics movement. We believe that smaller group sizes allow for richer exchanges between participants; deeper engagement with the material; more opportunities to practice speaking core messages in your own voice; and more feedback on your ideas and action plans.

How do the online sessions work?

Online sessions meet in real time, using the GoToTraining platform. You will log into an internet site through which you'll be able to see your facilitator's computer screen. At the same time, you will also connect to the class audio, either by calling into a phone conference or via the speakers and microphone in your computer. Your GoToTraining control panel also enables you to raise your hand and exchange chat messages with other participants during class. Before and after your class sessions, you will access class materials through the GoToTraining website.

What are the technical requirements of the program?

Requirements for participating in the GoToTraining class sessions

A headset that plugs into your computer is strongly recommended for all students.

For PC-based users:

Required: Windows® 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server

Required: Internet Explorer® 7.0 or newer, Mozilla® Firefox® 3.0 or newer or Google™ Chrome™ 5.0 or newer (JavaScript™ and Java™ enabled)

Required: Internet connection, with cable modem, DSL or better recommended

Recommended: Minimum of Pentium® class 1GHz CPU with 512 MB of RAM (2 GB of RAM for Windows® Vista.

For Mac-based users:

Required: Mac OS® X v10.4.11 Tiger or newer

Required: Safari™ 3.0 or newer, Firefox® 3.0 or newer or Google™ Chrome™ 5.0 or newer (JavaScript™ and Java™ enabled)

Required: Internet connection, with cable modem, DSL or better recommended

Required: PowerPC G4/G5 or an Intel processor, with 512 MB of RAM or better recommended.

Requirements for viewing and delivering PowerPoint slide presentations

- PowerPoint application (2003 – 2007 or later)
- If you elect to deliver presentations at various locations, you will need either a laptop computer or a flash drive with enough room to hold the presentation so that it can be transferred to a computer at your host location.
- You will also need access to a projector and screen at locations where you want to deliver the Caring Economics slide presentation to groups.

Who are the facilitators of the program?

- All of our facilitators are seasoned educators with a deep commitment to partnership work in all its rich diversity. To read more about the course facilitators, click on the



“Facilitators” button at the top of the [Leadership Program Page](#) of the Center for Partnership Studies website.

What kind of time commitment can I expect as a student in this program?

The in-class time includes seven 90-minute-long sessions. In addition to your time in class, you should plan to set aside one to two hours per week for activities related to the course, which might include: reading, research, creating action plans and completing suggested activities.

After class Session Five, the class will break for 2 weeks to allow you to complete a practicum experience in which you will host your first Caring Economics Conversation. When we come back together for Session Five, you will present what you learned from your practicum experience.

Are there any pre-requisites or activities to complete prior to the start of the course?

Yes. Prior to your first online session, we ask that all students prepare by doing the following:

1. Read *The Real Wealth of Nations: Creating a Caring Economics*. Berrett-Koehler Publishers, 2008. ISBN: 1-57675-629-7. 318 pp.
2. View the Six Steps to Caring Economics webinar (downloadable from <http://www.partnershipway.org>)
3. Read “**Roadmap to a New Economics: Beyond Capitalism and Socialism**” in *Tikkun*, November/December 2009. <http://www.rianeeisler.com/roadmapintikkun.pdf>

The class reading is “frontloaded” prior to the start of the program so that we can come together with a common foundation in Caring Economics and use our time together to dig deeply into the concepts, tools, and materials. There will be no additional reading assignments during the course. You will receive further detailed information on preparing for the course in the welcome packet you receive after you register for the course.

What is the history of the Conversation Leaders Program?

A pilot cohort of Real Wealth Conversation Leaders was launched in a two-and-a-half-day training and conference in Seattle, Washington in November 2009. Members of that pilot group have gone on to deliver presentations and host conversations around the United States and in Australia and Costa Rica. Pilot group members were also instrumental in sparking improvements in the presentation materials and the training program. This online training and certification program has grown out of the learning and experience of that pilot group, and we continue to draw on their wisdom and support as the program develops.