



The Center for Social Sustainability

Balancing the individual development of the “I am” with the group dynamics of the “We are”

Try not to become a man of success. Rather, become a man of value. A successful man takes more out of life than he puts in. A man of value will give more than he receives.

Albert Einstein

Program Director

Lesley trained in Australia as an Organizational Psychologist in the late 1980s and worked for over a decade in the Australian mining industry on projects as diverse as critical incident stress, graduate and professional recruitment, training and development, business development, audit and remuneration. She developed a particular interest in the process of organizational change and its capacity for transformation at the individual, company and community levels.

In 2000, she started her own consulting practice - Human Viewpoint- working with large and small companies across many different sectors including legal, construction, retail, internet, medical and education. Her consulting clients have been as varied and interesting as one of the three largest construction companies in the UK, building 500 apartments above Paddington Station in central London; a seven-person internet startup creating on-line recruitment technology and Australia Post (delivering assessment centers to middle managers).

Lesley met Kim Payne as an inaugural member of his Waldorf Collaborative Counseling program in August 2007 and is now Program Director with The Center for Social Sustainability. Lesley is also a Board member and governance chair of the Aurora Waldorf School (her son's school in East Aurora NY), and adjunct lecturer with the Antioch University of New England. She has a Chilean husband, a thirteen year old step son and two Jack Russell Terriers. 20 years of practicing yoga goes a long way to helping her cope with the "yang-ness" of this household!

"My greatest inspiration about collaborative work in organizations comes not from my experience in the business world, but from my love of choral singing and my involvement in competitive team sports. I have been a participant in a choir since I was first selected to be part of the Central Coast regional choir in 1977; and I have played a variety of team sports, from field hockey to water polo, since I was 12 years old. It is these experiences that remind me of the incredible power and beauty that is possible when individuals act together for the benefit of the whole"

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