What have we gotten ourselves into?
We are all quality practitioners
It’s about sharing
Through sharing comes inspiration
The Company You Seek

A Note on Why You May Need To Make Some New Friends

Reality vs. Possibility

If you are unhappy with the way things are, it’s expected that you will try to imagine a better way to do something, and we are truly invested in our necessary steps to see it come to life. This is where innovation comes from realms of digital technology, engineering, healthcare and design. I think there is no shortage of innovation in our society. Clearly, there are many worlds today who are dissatisfied with the status quo and are determined.

“Progress is not created by contented people.” – Frank Tyger

So what makes people discontented? It’s usually a discrepancy (real or perceived) and what they think they could be. Alexander Bell invented the telephone so we could communicate. Henry Ford created the Model T as a better alternative. Steve Jobs created iPods because he saw no reason why MP3 was solidly functioning and aesthetically pleasing. You could say that the disparity between reality and possibility was the result of specific knowledge, perspectives. They had visions shaped by unique experiences that most people would not have.

On a personal level, I’ve come to the realization that we can become better. The discrepancies between who we are and who we could be. How do we act simple: We must spend more time with the right kind of people. No wondering who that might be, and to help you figure that out, I’ve gathered my own layer of advice – from a couple of people who I wish I was.

Why Your Friends Are Overrated

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Leading with Lollipops
We are all leaders
We are now a community
The Fresh Thinking Series

★Community of practice for quality at Carleton University

★Inspiring each other to improve. Supporting each other to success.

★Series Topics:

- Planning
- Engaging others
- Improving processes
- Effective use of people, money and reputation
- Working together
- Satisfying those that we serve
- Learning from failure
- Staying focused
- Thinking and doing things differently
Features

- Quality...without the jargon
- Guest speakers on defined topics (internal and external)
- Open forum to share specific challenges
- Solutions-oriented, helping others with the way forward
- Brainstorming innovative and worthwhile ideas for the university
- Debating issues of the day
- Provide input on quality initiatives across campus
Details: The Fresh Thinking Series

*Rhythm:* Meets on last Tuesday of each month

*Start:* May 29, 2012

*Location:* Senate (Robertson Hall)

*Social:*  
Twitter feed ~ @CU_Quality  
LinkedIn group ~ The Fresh Thinking Series - Carleton University
Typical Agenda

1. Introduction/Welcome ~ 2min
2. Guest Speaker ~ 25min
3. Challenge/Solution ~ 20min
4. News Update ~ 5min
5. Social Mixer ~ 30min (for those that can stay)
Guest Speaker

- Part of the Carleton community or from the outside

- Practical topics or broad/inspirational

- Driven by the needs of the community

- Have an idea for a topic or guest speaker?
Challenge/Solution

- All members will have the opportunity to submit a challenge that they are facing using the phrase... *"I have a hard time when I try to..."*

- You’ll need to submit these prior to the meeting by providing some explanation

- Member will have a few minutes to describe their challenge, what they’ve tried, and what the outcomes have been so far
  - The community will have the opportunity to ask any follow-up questions to better understand the challenge

- The community will be able to offer suggestions to that person on how they can overcome that challenge (or make the first step to overcoming it)
Other Ideas

★ Debate on a relevant topic of the day
★ Brainstorming ideas for Ideas@Carleton
★ Taking part in focus groups for Quality Initiatives
News Update

-The community should know about the improvement efforts across campus

-Can include news from community members

-Info from other sub-communities
Feedback at...
www.formstack.com/forms/?1217247-n5AXeatXqz
Or join the LinkedIn group
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