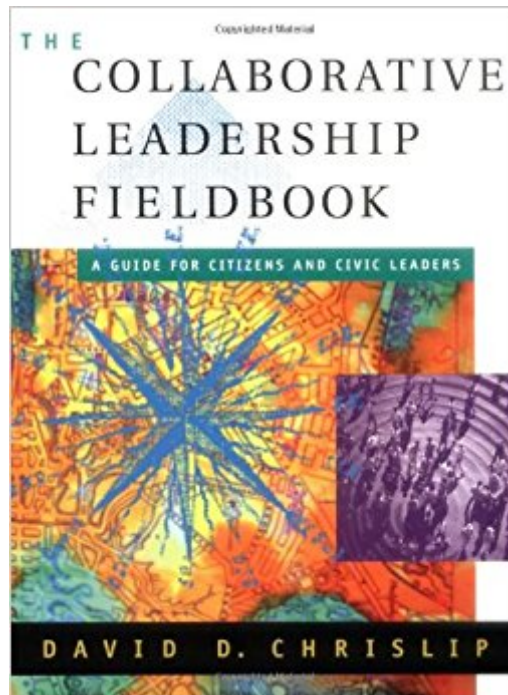




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The Collaborative Leadership Fieldbook



Synopsis

When the landmark book Collaborative Leadership was first published in 1994, it described the premise, principles, and leadership characteristics of successful collaboration. The book outlined an innovative way of building partnerships to solve the civic problems too big for anyone to solve alone as well as a new type of leadership that brings together diverse stakeholders to solve a community's problems. While that book provides a much-needed framework for working together, The Collaborative Leadership Fieldbook offers nonprofit practitioners, community leaders, and public officials a practical, hands-on resource. It presents the tools needed for applying the lessons learned, powerful approaches that get results, and guidance for solving complex community problems. In clear and concise terms, the Fieldbook

- * Presents a wide range of tools and concepts that can be readily applied
- * Provides a comprehensive guide to collaboration from conception to implementation
- * Describes how to establish effective civic leadership development programs to support collaborative efforts
- * Contains stories and examples that clearly illustrate the book's concepts and tools
- * Helps readers find-quickly and easily-what they need for their specific situations

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"This is a brilliant analysis of the most important kind of leadership, collaborative and participatory,

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There are other books I list below, but as I make my life transition from being a for-profit at any cost to a non-profit that respects "true cost" and the importance of community, I am finding a number of books that can only be called "essential." This is one of them. Bottom line from the authors: Collaboration builds social capital. An edited work, it offers us the view of the best of the best, and while the book does not contain a single "sales" element, over-all, and in the concluding appendices, it makes clear that we can learn a great deal by attending the training sessions offered by the Institute for Civic Leadership, and I have made my own mental note: when we have resources, the Earth Intelligence Network needs these folks as advisors and facilitators when we bring together key minds on each of the ten high-level threats to humanity, etcetera. The book is organized into Meta (importance of collaboration), Macro (principles & frameworks), Micro (practices), and Examples (stories). This is a totally impressive and educational volume. I end my notes with: 01 Take their courses 02 Retain them as mentors and facilitators 03 Share this book with others. A few other books that complement this one: Society's Breakthrough!: Releasing Essential Wisdom and Virtue in All the People The Tao of Democracy: Using Co-Intelligence to Create a World That Works for All The World Cafe: Shaping Our Futures Through Conversations That Matter Democracy's Edge: Choosing to Save Our Country by Bringing Democracy to Life Doing Democracy All Rise: Somebodies, Nobodies, and the Politics of Dignity (BK Currents) Escaping the Matrix: How We the People can change the world A Power Governments Cannot Suppress The Unconquerable World: Power, Nonviolence, and the Will of the People The new craft of intelligence:

Achieving asymmetric advantage in the face of nontraditional threats (Studies in asymmetry)(This last one is free online, there is also a hardcopy on)

David Chrislip's book is a good repository of anecdotes of important collaborative examples in the US. It also contains a fair list of references and organizations related with civic action. As to collaboration leadership principles, remarks and theory it reflects the low penetration this subject still has in the academic world. And if you want to develop a collaborative civic project, do not think you will get much help reading this book

This book will be the standard for all other books about collaboration to measure themselves. Mr. Chrislip is among the best facilitators of collaborative processes anywhere. The author is also a skilled teacher and is able to convey both his knowledge and lessons of experience in this book. Clearly written, this book is well balanced between intellectual knowledge and practical experience. A step-by-step pathway is presented as well as specific examples of successful collaborations. Anyone interested or involved in collaboration in the public or private sector will benefit from this book. Facilitators of collaborative efforts will find themselves pulling this book off the shelf often as a useful guide and reference.

In 2004 a group of 100+ nonprofit, business, and government entities in Rhode Island began collaborating on one goal: to get thousands of new affordable housing units publicly funded and built. It was a long shot at best. Yet, in 2006, the HousingWorks RI (HWRI) coalition could claim a major victory when voters overwhelmingly approved a \$50 million bond for affordable housing. A post-game analysis of the HWRI success story discovered that, by accident or design, the coalition, in building itself, had followed every best practice set out in Mr. Chrislip's practical, balanced, authoritative Fieldbook. If you're attempting to move mountains using a civic coalition, skip the trial-and-error phase and read this book before you start.

Excellent book for a well versed framework on Collaborative Leadership. I think about the promise and principles on a regular basis in all my collaborative efforts. I haven't found another book on collaboration that comes close

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