



Let's go into Carla's house and brainstorm on Collaborative Containers

Metaphors and visual facilitation have proven to be invaluable tools for the Collaborative Practice. Both can enhance comprehension and therefore foster greater achievements and yet we often forget to use them. Once you are able to master them they can help you in different consensual dispute resolution methods. They can help both the 'scaling deep' (*to change relationships and cultural values*) and the "scaling out" (*to increase the number of people or communities affected*).

Brainstorming is another useful tool and we often question ourselves on how we could be more effective when brainstorming in the collaborative container.

In this workshop we will use the three tools together.

Starting with the metaphor of the *Italian handcrafted model "house"*, which Carla Marcucci had built for her in 2016 in order to better explain from her point of view the core elements of Collaborative Practice and taking into consideration the changes that are going on at present, the participants will be asked to work on the *collaborative container* compared to other Alternative Dispute Resolution methods (*nowadays how do we imagine the metaphor of the model and the borders of the Collaborative Container?*).

While doing this they will have the opportunity to learn or refresh their visual facilitation skills and they will also be able to use these skills while engaging in brainstorming around the best metaphor to use when they need to describe the collaborative container in different cultures or for different purposes.

We will also encourage participants to pay attention to the ethical issues related to the container (and its outskirts) so that the metaphor can be effective and useful for the managing of those important aspects of the Collaborative Practice.