



NLP LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

A dream began in 2011 for the *NLP Leadership Summit*; it became reality in 2012. After that we began meeting yearly in London at the NLP Conference, and every other year in Spain for a 2-day Summit. The purpose? At first to dispel the notion that “NLP leaders don’t talk to each other.” The next notion we dispelled was that “NLP leaders can agree on anything.” To disprove that we articulated a vision about NLP and a set of values. The unifying idea that brought us together was that we all want to create more credibility and professionalism for NLP. Over the years, the Summit has been successful in building up—

- Respect among ourselves even as we differ in style, approach, and emphasis.
- Talking with each other to more informed about what’s happening in this field.
- Caring about where the field of NLP is going and how we can add value.
- Discovering that we are united in wanting to see NLP grow and gain more credibility.

Given our history, that’s a lot! We also seem to all be aware that regardless of what we do or don’t do, we are leaving a legacy. The question whether it is the legacy we want to leave. So we gather to leave a more conscious and intentional legacy. Similarly, we began the Summit because those of us who are training, writing, coaching, etc., we are the ones leading out bringing people into this field.

Now after more than a dozen years, we are still talking and collaborating. And for any larger orientation for this field—it is up to us. Now who knew in January 2020 when we met in Alicante Spain that a few weeks later, the world would be shut down? The resulting Pandemic (2020 to 2022) really changed a lot in our world—the face of business, education, adult trainings, politics, etc. Most of us in the training, coaching, consulting, therapy, education, etc. business have really been challenged in this past three years.

For our next Summit we will be coming together in *Santa Cruz California, January 2024*—the place where it all began. We come together to re-envision things, to re-invigorate ourselves as leaders, and find new inspiration for the future that we will inevitably be creating. In terms of the many challenges in our world and in our individual lives, there’s lots to talk about as we consider how to make what we have a more attractive and relevant offering. Heidi informed me this weekend that we have 35 signed up and when I saw the list, I knew that it’s a list of brilliant leaders in this field!

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