SEEING DIFFERENTLY 2027

Drawing, Perception & Leadership

Creative spaces in Terzo, Piedmont, Italy & on Sentosa, Singapore

Overview

This five-day residential professional development programme brings together drawing practice, systems-psychodynamic thinking, and reflective dialogue to support leaders being more creative and effective.

The programme offers a carefully held environment in which experienced groups or teams of professionals can step out of habitual pace and reconnect with how they perceive, interpret, and decide - individually and within systems.

The work is grounded in the understanding that how leaders see is inseparable from how they think, relate, and lead, particularly under conditions of complexity and uncertainty.

Seeing differently

Most leaders are highly trained in analysis, judgement, and decision-making. Far fewer have had the opportunity to examine the moment before these processes begin.

The practice of drawing slows perception and invites sustained attention to form, relationship, and presence; long enough for habitual interpretations to loosen. As perception changes, thinking begins to shift. From a systems-psychodynamic perspective, this shift in perception also reveals how inner patterns, roles, and assumptions shape leadership behaviour.

The drawing work is inspired by *Betty Edwards' Drawing on the Artist Within*, whose central insight is both simple and radical: adults can learn to draw by learning to see differently.

Participants are guided through a carefully sequenced series of drawing exercises over five days. The work is immersive and experiential, combining individual drawing practice with reflection, walking, and shared inquiry.

This is:

- not art therapy
- not self-expression
- not about producing polished drawings

It is a practice of attention, perception, and inner orientation, held with rigour and simplicity. Prior drawing experience is not required.

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Using the surroundings

Monday, 17 May 2027 to Friday, 21 May 2027, Sentosa, Singapore

At the resort One15 Marina Sentosa Cove life unfolds by the water. More than a marina, it is a private Members' club and lifestyle destination built around community, culture, and connection.

Wednesday, 26 May 2027 to Sunday, 30 May 2027, Piedmont, Italy

The privately held villa Casa Hygge in Terzo is located within a historical region of Piedmont, in northern Italy. The place offers extensive natural gardens and views to the vineyards and hills.

We curated the programme to create a contained environment that supports reflection, solitude, and meaningful exchange. Time is deliberately spacious, allowing insights to emerge without pressure.

For whom

This retreat is designed for groups or teams of senior leaders and professionals who work with complexity and pressure, and who tend to rely heavily on thinking and judgement.

It resonates with those who:

- are curious about creativity, but sceptical of performative or overly abstract workshops
- value depth, discipline, and reflective space
- sense the need to reconnect with a steadier inner orientation before acting

Facilitation

Nuala Dent is a senior practitioner in systems-psychodynamic coaching and consulting for change, based in Melbourne, Australia. She works internationally with leaders and organisations navigating complexity, transition, and identity, and brings decades of experience in executive coaching, group work, and leadership development.
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Susann Naomi Israel is an executive and group coach and organisational development consultant, creating reflective spaces for leaders to reconnect with inner clarity, creative capacity, and grounded action. Casa Hygge is her working and programme-hosting environment in Piedmont.
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Together, Nuala and Susann combine deep perceptual practice, systems-psychodynamic understanding, and carefully held space; offering participants a rare opportunity to work at the intersection of seeing, sense-making, and leadership.

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Voices from our customers

“Working with Susann over just these days was a truly enriching and surprisingly impactful experience. Her coaching style - grounded in experiential, creative, and culturally diverse learning created an environment that encouraged deep personal reflection and growth.

I especially appreciated the way she structured the process: the thoughtful rhythm of work, reflection, and more work. It allowed space to pause, internalise, and reconnect with intention. Even in that short time, I came away with a renewed sense of self-awareness - recognising how much I personally influence outcomes. That insight alone made a lasting impact.

U.B.
Director Corporate Insurance

“I was impressed by the interactive sessions and tailored insights. As a facilitator, Nuala addressed our specific challenges, offering practical strategies I could immediately apply. This programme deepened my leadership skills and gave me tools to drive meaningful change.
– Team leader, health sector

T.L.
Team Leader Health Sector