

Conflict Resolution Day Conference: October 20, 2021

Featuring: Priya Parker and *The Art of Gathering*

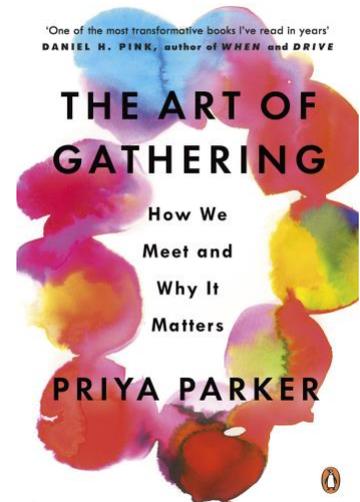
Wednesday Oct 20, 12:00 – 4:30 pm

Regular Registration \$85.00

Student Registration \$25.00

ADRIM (Alternative Dispute Resolution Institute of Manitoba) invites you to dive deep into Priya Parker's book, *The Art of Gathering: How We Meet and Why It Matters*, and explore how it can enhance the way you lead, host and facilitate the many ways that you gather people at work, in the community and at home.

This event is more than an online conference, it is an interactive online engagement with book club communities and opportunities to engage in dialogue.



Prepare:

- Register directly on the [Whova conference site](#)
- Receive a digital copy of *The Art of Gathering* and get reading.
- Engage in book clubs and or discussion forums on the Whova conference platform. The Whova platform is an interactive community space where you can engage in discussions, find or initiate a book club that suits your schedule, and even recommend questions for Priya Parker to address at the conference.

Engage: October 20th Conference Day (12:00 – 4:30 pm)

- Feature interview with Priya Parker with questions prepared by book club communities.
- Concurrent sessions explore the application of Priya's concepts appealing to a variety of sectors.
- Closing plenary will feature a diverse panel of Manitoban leaders who will share the insights, challenges and opportunities they see with the return to in-person gatherings.

Integrate: October – December

- Debrief The Whova conference platform will remain open for you to continue to gather.
- Discuss and integrate conference highlights and applications of Priya's book.
- Engage in a final wrap up session hosted by ADRIM on December 8th from 12:05 – 12:55.

Please visit the [ADRIM website](#) for more information about this conference.

To register, go directly to the [Whova conference registration page](#).

Get excited about Priya Parker and her work, by listening to her three appearances on Brené Brown's [Dare to Lead podcast](#).

Key Note Interview: Priya Parker Conflict Resolution Day Oct 20, 2021

Interview by David Falk, ADRIM President / Partner and Senior Mediator @ Facilitated Solutions

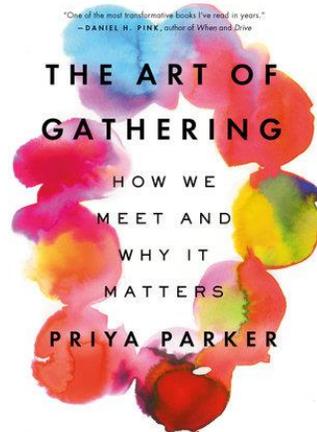
“Welcome to the new rules of gathering.”

Priya Parker wants to invigorate the ways people come together in order to banish stale conferences, flat dinner parties, and unproductive board meetings. In her interactive talks, her *New York Times* podcast, *Together Apart*, and in her book, *The Art of Gathering: How We Meet and Why It Matters*, she challenges audiences to dig down to the root of why and how we make connections, create communities, and build organizations.



About Priya Parker

Priya Parker’s bold approach to gatherings redefines the ways people connect, learn, and develop relationships. The acclaimed author of *The Art of Gathering: How We Meet and Why it Matters*, executive producer and host of the *New York Times* podcast, *Together Apart*, and the founder of boutique advisory firm Thrive Labs, she helps activists, elected officials, corporate executives, educators, and philanthropists create transformative, unforgettable gatherings that allow them to step back from their daily routine, rediscover their motivations, and develop strategies for innovation.



In *The Art of Gathering*, Parker combines fascinating case studies culled from an international cast of characters with practices to follow—and rules to break—to connect more meaningfully with friends, colleagues, and strangers. She includes examples from her attempts to create connections, illustrating which tactics worked and which ones failed. Included among her success stories are “#IamHere Days,” self-organized adventures in which a group of people unplugs and explores a neighborhood, and “15 Toasts,” dinner parties where each guest has to toast to a common theme (the twist: the last one has to sing their toast). Parker’s interactive talks are both a demonstration of the techniques described in her books and a guide on how to implement her strategies.

Parker has helped numerous clients develop better gatherings, including the Museum of Modern Art, LVMH, the World Economic Forum, [meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com), and Civitas Public Affairs. Trained in conflict resolution, she has worked on peace processes in the Arab world, Southern Africa, and India, and is a founding member of the Sustained Dialogue Campus Network, where she worked on race relations on American college campuses. She has been appointed as a member of the World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council on Values and the New Models of Leadership Council, and is also a senior expert at Mobius Executive Leadership.

Parker’s *The Art of Gathering: How We Meet and Why It Matters* has been named a Best Business Book of the year by Amazon, *Esquire Magazine*, NPR, the *Financial Times*, 1-800-CEO-READS and *Bloomberg*. She has spoken on the TED Main Stage, and her TEDx talk on purpose has been viewed over one million times. Her work has been featured in *The New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, [Forbes.com](https://www.forbes.com), [Oprah.com](https://www.oprah.com), *Real Simple Magazine*, *Glamour*, *The Today Show*, and *Morning Joe*, among others. Parker studied organizational design at M.I.T., public policy at the Harvard Kennedy School, and political and social thought at the University of Virginia. She lives in Brooklyn, New York with her husband, [Anand Giridharadas](#), and their two children.

Concurrent Sessions Conflict Resolution Day Oct 20, 2021

We are delighted to announce the following 5 concurrent sessions will be offered from 1:30-2:45 pm.

The Art of Gathering at the Family Table: A Conversation Amongst Family Practitioners

Panel: Eleanor Moore, Maria Mitousis, Chau Tran, Lisa Manaiger

Join a panel of Family practitioners (Collaborative Lawyers, Mediators and Coaches) as they discuss the application of Priya Parker's principles of gathering to their work and lives.

The Art of Gathering for Difficult Conversations

Speakers: Dave Dyck and Janine Hogue Sansregret

From facilitating meetings, coaching conversations to formal mediations, this session will explore in intersection between Priya's work with Facilitated Solutions approach to hosting difficult conversations.

The Art of Gathering at Work Speaker: Wendy Loewen

How we gather at work and what we focus on when we are together shapes our workplace culture, which is the most significant factor that influences employee engagement, work relationships, and job satisfaction. This presentation explores the role of culture in building and maintaining a workplace where people like to come together, interact with each other, and engage in their work. Participants will explore six key elements that shape a healthy workplace culture and learn the answers to two fundamental questions: "How does your organization's culture impact how much people like where they work?" and "What can you do to make it better?"

The Art of Hybrid & Virtual Gatherings: Balancing the Conversation

Speaker: Kristine Tubiera

As facilitators, leaders, speakers, and organizers, we are constantly evolving to meet our audience's needs. With the option to return to in-person events, we cannot revert to how things were but now require a blend of both worlds – in-person and virtual. Using the concepts that we've learned in Priya's book, we will look at the new world of events and how we bring people together to connect, learn, and build relationships in virtual and hybrid formats.

The Art of Intercultural Gatherings Speaker: Adam Nepon

Have you ever been invited to a gathering/event/meeting that followed process and procedure outside of your cultural knowledge base? In a globalized world, we are regularly interacting and forming relationships with people from different cultures and backgrounds in different areas of our life's (personal, work, etc.). One of the fastest ways to offend someone is by disrespecting their customs and culture. This discussion will explore the nuances of Intercultural Competencies and how to prepare for an intercultural engagement.

Closing Panel Announcement

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We are pleased to announce the following leaders will be contributing to our closing panel from 3:00 – 4:15 pm to discuss their insights and challenges navigating gatherings during the ongoing pandemic and the return (eventually) to in person gatherings.



Dorota Blumczynska
Chief Executive Officer
Manitoba Museum



Gregory G. Evans
Evans Family Law Corporation



Brenda Kriss
Vice President of Human Resources
Manitoba Liquors & Lotteries



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