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Message from the Board

A Heartfelt Update from the ACTO Board

Dear ACTO Community,

Foremost, we want to take this opportunity to express our deepest gratitude to each of you for being part of the ACTO journey. Together, we have experienced a remarkable path of growth, learning, evolution, and meaningful connection. While the formal chapter of ACTO is approaching its close, the spirit and impact of this organization continue to live on in the relationships built, ideas shared, and seeds planted across the world.

As a Board, we recently gathered to reflect, reconnect, and continue stewarding ACTO's final season with care and intention. In our meeting, we focused on honoring the legacy of this organization while ensuring that important resources, relationships, and responsibilities are thoughtfully tended to.

We are pleased to share that conference materials and treasured resources will remain accessible as we work to preserve ACTO's rich history. Efforts are underway to organize and consolidate years of learning, recordings, and materials so that members may continue to benefit from them in meaningful ways.

We hope you had the opportunity to attend a special commemorative panel on May 27th, featuring past board chairs' voices reflecting on what ACTO has stood for and what has

resonated most deeply for them. This offering celebrated the heart, values, and legacy that have shaped our shared experience.

As we prepare for our final gatherings, Board members are taking time to reflect personally on the meaning ACTO has held in our lives and in the broader coaching community. We remain deeply proud of ACTO's contribution to expanding the understanding of coaching as a powerful resource for individuals and communities around the globe. We are especially grateful for the richness brought by our international leadership and membership, spanning countries including India, Chile, Spain, Kenya, the United Arab Emirates, the Netherlands, and beyond.

Above all, we want you to know how appreciative we are to have walked this journey with you. ACTO has always been more than an organization—it has been a community rooted in connection, curiosity, courage, and shared purpose.

We warmly invite you to join us for our final forum on **June 24 from 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. ET**, where we will gather face-to-face to honor this chapter, reflect together, and say goodbye with gratitude and care. We would love to hear your reflections and celebrate all that we have created together.

With heartfelt appreciation,
The ACTO Board



Resource of the Month

Each month in this newsletter we will highlight a different facet of identity, and provide a resource in this area for our readers.

As we move toward the sunset of ACTO, we are making past ACTO Conference session recordings and monthly forum recordings available for a limited time. Please enjoy the content below until Dec 31, 2026

ACTO Monthly forum archive: <https://actoonline.org/acto-forum-calls-archive/>

View monthly forums from 2013 to 2026 including recent forums such as:

- Jim Smith - Mindset, Community, and Resources: Doing the Work on YOU as a Tool for Teaching DEIB
 - Sanjyot Pethe - Liberating Narratives of Dignity
 - Betska K-Burr - Everyone Simply Wants to Love and Be Loved
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2022 Conference recordings:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/lkzstgmp96z4e22rp7sgn/ALhr6owXII-pnwgCuRv-TE0?rlkey=lrn3zkxdhm0miuereyr7d5vmi&st=s3h1a3ml&dl=0>

- Rashmi Datt - Intersection of Coaching, Psychodrama and Essence of Vedic Wisdom
- Eileen Laskar - Making the Coaching Language and Impact Meaningful to Organizational Leaders
- Garima Gupta Kapila - A Yogic Approach to Empowering our Clients to Self-heal
- Monsoon Bissel - Coaching for Wholeness: A multi-polar world, a need for belonging and making the personal story count
- Nancy Forrester - A Paradigm Shift in Coaching - An Evolutionary Science Approach to Change
- Sharon Brown - Unspoken Words: Coaching for Transformative Justice and Healing
- Ajay Noronha - Jheeni Bheeni Chadariya - Making the Image Sacred Again
- Ben Dooley - How to Find Your WOW, NOW!
- Vikram Bhatt - Serving the planet: Enlightened coachpreneurship
- Robert Kuang, Juanita Molano Parra, and Catharina Schneegass - The Possibility Underneath Possibility
- Jim Smith and Johan van Bavel - Training the Coach Trainer
- Merlinder Orjela - Inclusive Coach Training to Create Authentic Coaches
- Damian Goldvarg - Training on coaching diverse clients, the immigrant experience
- Christopher McAuliffe – Power
- Kawtar El Alaoui - Coaching for Collective Liberation
- Gorka Bartolomé - The impact of coaching competencies in brain creativity mechanisms
- Madeline Brown and Lu Ripley - Ordinary people, extraordinary compassion
- Carola Fredes - Coaching Orgánico un modelo vivo para el siglo XXI
- Leonardo Ravier - Teoría General del Coaching / General Theory of Coaching

2023 Conference recordings:

https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/t1gp0noh0nph5sons8s95/ABxo5b-p__4V52WUn4u9XZU?rlkey=fb95hfk02r713yrvchwi1fp75&st=ek7uvbz3&dl=0

- Luis Piza - Why Most Coaching Processes Fail Before They Even Start (and How to Change That)

- Nakia J. Green - The Intersection of Disability and Faith: The Hidden Identities in DEIB
- Asma Chaudhry - Oneness in Leadership
- Betska K-Burr - Coaching Beyond the Veil
- Merlinder Orjela - Embracing Cultural Diversity as Coaches and Coach Educators
- Renaye Thornborrow - Expanding the Impact of Coaching by Bringing Life Coaching to our Children
- Herb Stevenson - Coaching at the Point of Contact
- Alida Miranda-Wolff - Coaching Belonging – How to Support Others in Finding a Sense of Belonging
- Claude Arribas - La actitud y sus efectos sistémico en la empresa
- Pamela Van Dyke - Team Coaching In A Multi-Cultural Context
- Garima & Sundeep Kapila - Coaching For All
- Shiny Unsal - One Simple Yet Extremely Effective Formula That'll Simplify All Your Coaching Relationships, Including the One You Have With Yourself
- Deborah Sandella & Michael Kline - Going Beyond the RIM of Traditional Techniques
- Catherine Tanneau & Linda McLoughlin - Coach Education Beyond Borders - The Role of The Educator; Mentor and Supervisor in Promoting Cross-Culturalism
- Jackie Stevenson - The Sacred Practice of Coaching

2025 Conference recordings:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/gxfpnwsci76puvg5skc01/ANRRLrMhxeQrY10aToXIKnw?rlkey=bxkl9e1y7x3vld7y0b13l9oqn&st=4ivkq4o9&dl=0>

- Mahdi Davenport - DIFFERENT: The Missing Link in the Coaching Relationship, How Embracing Inner and Outer Difference Transforms Connection, Conflict, and the Capacity to Coach
- Christina Stathopoulos - Honoring Lived Experience: A Trust-First Approach to Mindset Shifts
- Robyn Ward - Cultivating Safe Spaces in Coaching
- Damaris Patterson Price - Culture, Social Mixtures, and Impacts on Coaching Learning Spaces
- Jimena Andino Dorato - Bridging Intercultural Intelligence & Coaching Competencies
- Shilpa Alimchandani - Clear the noise, feel your beat
- Sammie Walker Herrera - Say It With Confidence: Public Speaking Coaching Through a Neurodivergent and Cultural Lens
- Sukari Pinnock Fitts - Coaching Under Pressure: Identity Erasure and Covering in the Coaching Relationship
- Veronica King - From Bystander to Bridge: Embodying Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging in Every Coaching Conversation
- Dr. Dhru Beeharilal - Beyond the Niche: Building an Authentic Coaching Business
- Joanna Davis - The Sound of Wholeness: Listening for Identity, Truth & Healing
- Arianne Rice - Coaching at the Edge: Vulnerability, Identity, and Embodied Connection

- Birgit Rauchbauer - Connecting Across Social Identities: The Role of the Brain, Mirror Neurons, Synchrony, and Empathy

UPCOMING EVENTS

ACTO June Community Conversations Call

Date: June 4, 2026 Time: 12 noon EDT

[More information](#)

[Register](#)

June Monthly English Forum: A Chapter Ends - A Celebration of ACTO's contributions to the profession and of the People who have contributed to ACTO. Hold This Space for sharing and receiving Gratitude!

Date: June 24, 2026, 8:00 US PT, 11:00 US ET, 17:00 CET, 20:30 IST (90 minutes)

[Register](#)



ACTO STAND

ACTO is a community of coaches and coach trainers dedicated to co-creating a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive coaching profession. Through dialogue, learning opportunities, and change initiatives, we seed coaching excellence that values diverse cultural perspectives and eliminates bias and harm.

To read the full details of the ACTO Stand, please visit [our website](#).



June Multicultural Calendar

We invite you to acknowledge and explore a diversity of significant dates and cultural celebrations with us. These dates were sourced from [Diversity Resources](#) and [WorkTango](#). Please visit their websites to learn more about each date's significance. If you have important dates from your culture that you'd like our community to learn about, please let us know!

- June - Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month
- June - Black Music Month
- June - National Caribbean American Heritage Month
- June - Men's Health Month
- June - Pride Month (LGBTQ+)
- June 5 - World Environment Day
- June 14 - Race Unity Day
- June 12 - Loving Day
- June 12 - World Day Against Child Labor
- June 16 - Muharram Islamic New Year (Islamic) - Still estimated according to sources - based on moon
- June 19 - Juneteenth
- June 20 - World Refugee Day
- June 21 - Litha, Summer Solstice (Pagan)
- June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples Day (Canada)
- June 24 - St-Jean-Baptiste Day (Quebec)
- June 28 - Pride Day (LGBTQ+) - Varies by city

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