

1. *2010 UnSummit – A brief description of the background and overarching goals for this event*

This event was created to share information and knowledge between widely divergent sectors, to awaken new approaches, solutions and ideas for the basic science community in this country.

2. *Issues and challenges connected to this event*

The leap of faith into the unknown. We are intent on creating a safe space and an effective path for science and scientists to actively create solutions from within. We hope for a scientific enterprise that will serve both society and the community of scientists themselves, to create a future that is sustainable and in which all can thrive.

3. *Why did you choose Open Space?*

A leap of faith of my own. Suzanne was so passionate and such a strong believer in this technology that I was convinced before ever participating in Open Space. My trust in the technique fully blossomed when Suzanne did a mock with me and another person (an engineer), and we could instantly see how writing the questions pulled out a sublime curiosity and a creativity from within.

4. *What was achieved as a result of the Open Space process?*

The door was cracked open for more involvement for the generation of scientists currently in the pipeline to take part in creating a future where they can not only exist, but thrive. Persons from other sectors became aware of some of the most basic issues currently arising in science. Partnership and out of the box solutions are now possible.

5. *What were some of the outcomes? How have they inspired future actions or direction*

Relationships were begun, which is the necessary basis for effective work and projects in the future.