

The Time of Our Lives

We didn't know when we began that it would be the time of our lives -- and that the song with a similar name would be adapted and dedicated at the end of the Lab (please enjoy the blog [Public Innovators success: We owe it all to you](#)) -- but the [Harwood Public Innovators Lab](#) in September was just that!



Held at the Bradenton Area Convention Center with nearly 120 attendees representing the Manatee County and Sarasota County Library Systems, and initiatives of [The Patterson Foundation](#), [Aspirations to Actions](#) welcomed [Rich Harwood](#) and his coaches Bill Booth, Cheryl Gorman, David Moore and Carlton Sears. And what a time we had.



The 2.5 days had us thinking about aspirations, [turning outward](#), intentionality, authority, authenticity, accountability, community conversations, public knowledge, community rhythms and how we can embed these concepts in our personal lives, our organizations and our community.



Through Aspirations to Actions, our area now has 200 Harwood Public Innovators using the [approach](#) to bring positive change to others ... so that we ALL can have the time of our lives!

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Attendees shared thoughts about their Lab experience ...

"I find myself using Harwood thinking in my everyday planning at home and work."

"The content was relevant to every aspect of personal and professional life."

"I was very inspired by the program and glad that we have the tool kit to refer to for the materials to support our work."

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Video and Beth Doyle's [Public Innovators Lab success: We owe it all to you](#)

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Keep Aspiring!

"Our aspirations are our possibilities."

- Samuel Johnson



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