

Tangible Leadership, #Tangible17

Where we've been and where we're going!



In 2009, David Allen Ibsen published, "[Leading your way out of the recession](#)".

It was a recipe for what it would take to survive the global economic crisis.

The ingredients included:

- *Self Confidence*
- *A clearly articulated and broad vision*
- *A willingness to be flexible*
- *The skill to act upon intuition*
- *A talent in mobilizing resources (the right type, at the right time)*

"The skill to act upon intuition" was evident here in Ireland when, in January 2009, Raymond Sexton convened what he imagined would be a "one-off" session to bring a group of colleagues together. The meeting was designed to kick off the New Year and attend to:

- *the move from despondency to a sense urgency and passion which would lead to focused actions, individually and collectively*
- *rediscovering the basic elements of success, in his view-Time, Treasure and Talent*
- *providing each other with needed inspiration, encouragement, and support*
- *curating a body of knowledge which would provide participants access to mentorship, connections and empathetic financial resources*

The enthusiasm generated that day resulted in a call to “do this again”. In April, they convened Limerick. An ancient city and home of Shannon Development, created by some of the most forward thinking and action oriented change-makers in Ireland. Their initiatives from the 1960s forward have made Ireland the commercial gateway to Europe it is today.

In the three months between those the Howth & Limerick meetings, attendees at the first had launched nearly a dozen positive initiatives. Clearly, Tangible energy was catalysing change.

The momentum generated in Limerick drove the initiative forward to New York City in May. Scheduled on the morning of the annual Ireland Funds Gala, it was enthusiastically received. A July seminar followed in Sutton, Co Dublin and the leadership series was born.

As the series enters its ninth year, with over 60 seminars behind us, it includes 7 annual sessions in Ireland. Thanks to the enthusiasts, ambassadors and conveners we have met along the way, the global outreach now extends from New York to Sydney, and London to San Francisco.

We’ve proven that resilience is born, as the Irish proverb puts it, *Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine*, “In the shadow of each other, the people live”.

You are welcome to join us in [Oranmore, County Galway on 6. October](#) or in London on 17. November for the remaining [#Tangible16 seminars](#).

In 2017, alongside our “events as usual” we will begin to deliver a structured programme designed to offer continuing professional development.

[Next year's events](#) begin as we “**Bring it On**” in Howth, Tangible’s 65th event in it’s ninth “new year”!



Oranmore, County Galway