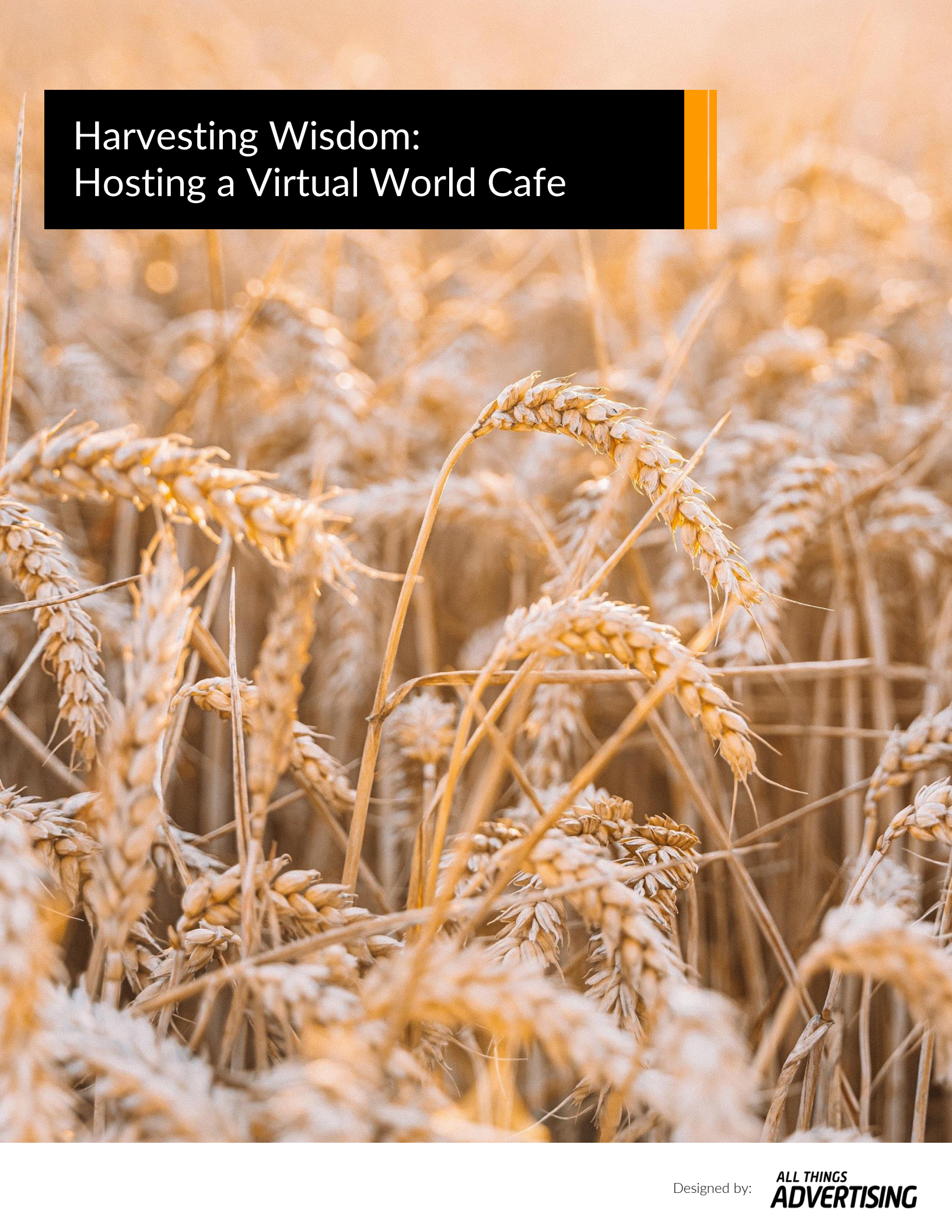




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## Course Objectives:

- Gain an understanding of the World Cafe process
- Learn how the process will harvest the wisdom of the people in the room
- Feel confident in setting up a World Cafe

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# World Cafe Conversations

## *At a Glance*

- Set up progressive (at least 3) rounds of conversation, ideally plan for 20 minutes each
- Engage questions or issues that genuinely matter to your life, work, or community
- Use breakout rooms with 4 (no more than 5) people for each Cafe Conversation
- Encourage all participants to share one idea about the topic in the first 3-4 minutes (capture on the document in the left hand column)
- As people share, “New learning and/or Understandings” will emerge - allow people to capture their thoughts freely in the right hand column.
- In the final moments (the last 2 minutes) identify your group’s “Notable/Quotable Thoughts” and any “But What If’s”
- Upon completing the initial round of conversation, one person volunteers to remain “at the table” to serve as a “table host” (See this [summary document](#) for table host instructions on page 8). The “Table Hosts” serve as “ambassadors of meaning” to the travelers. The travelers carry key ideas, themes and questions into their new conversations, while the table host welcomes the new set of travelers.
- By providing opportunities for people to move in several rounds of conversation, ideas, questions, and themes begin to link and connect. At the end of the second or third round, all of the



tables or conversation clusters (breakout rooms) will be cross-pollinated with insights from prior conversations.

- In the LAST ROUND of conversation, people can return to their first “table” (breakout room) to complete “Collective Summaries”
- *You may use the same question for one or more rounds of conversation, or you may pose different questions in each round to build on and help deepen the exploration.*

*After at least three rounds of conversation, initiate a period of sharing discoveries & insights in a whole group conversation. It is in these town meeting-style conversations that patterns can be identified, collective knowledge grows, and possibilities for action emerge.*