

# How to Develop an Effective Workshop



with Hari-kirtana das

Answer this question in the Q&A window:

**What's your biggest challenge?**

## Topics we'll explore today

- The connection between developing your workshop and marketing your workshop
- How to find out what kind of workshops people want
- How to know what kind of workshop you should offer
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**Stick around 'till the end**

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**What's your biggest challenge?**

But first . . .

Why do we need a system for  
developing workshops?

## Why have a system?

Having a system for developing workshops will

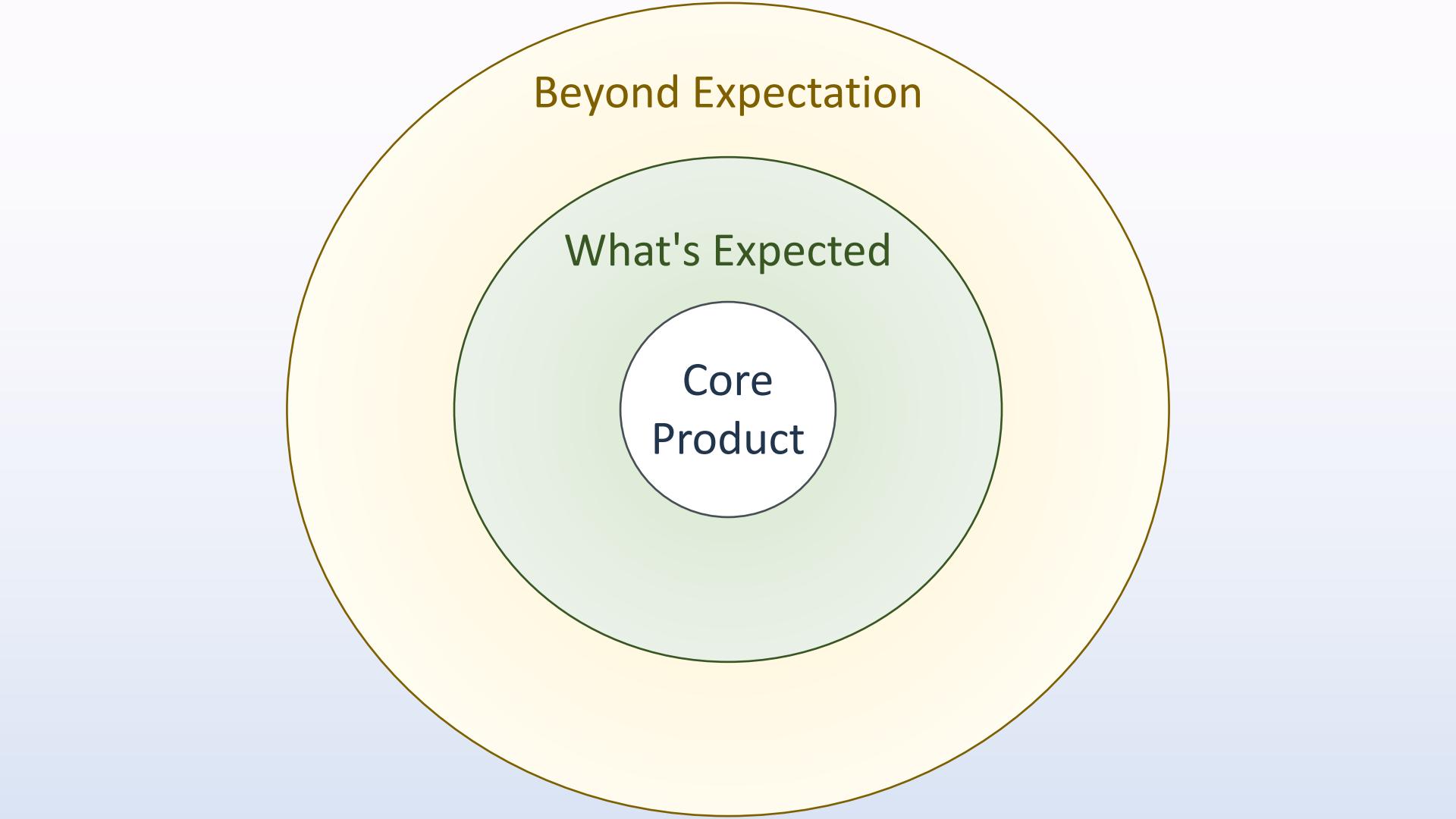
- Save time
- Ensure profitability
- Support consistency
- Ensure effectiveness

What do we mean by "effective"?

What does a successful outcome look like?

## Elements of a successful outcome

- People show up
- They have fun
- They go on a journey
- They learn / discover something new
- They have an experience of what they learned
- They get what they expected
- They get something they didn't expect



Beyond Expectation

What's Expected

Core  
Product

## EXERCISE

- Identify the "core product": the defining elements of your workshop
- Write out everything that you would expect to get if you were attending your workshop
- Identify something – information, resources, etc. – that would add unexpected value to your workshop

**The connection between  
developing your workshop and  
marketing your workshop**

**Developing your workshop is a  
function of Strategic Marketing**

# Strategic Marketing means connecting the dots between

Your Solution /  
Mission / Gift

.....

What Your  
Customer  
Wants / Needs

**How to find out what kind of  
workshops people want**

Just ask!

What kind of workshops are people looking for?

Ask

- People who come to your classes
- Fellow teachers
- Studio managers
- Studio owners
- Subscribers

**How to know  
what kind of workshop  
you should offer**

**Remember:  
you are the world's  
foremost authority on  
your personal experience**

## The kind of workshop you should offer

- What need did you have / what problem did you want to solve?
- How did you meet that need / solve that problem?
- How many other people have the same need / problem?

The kind of workshop you should offer

- What is your life's mission?
- What special gift do you have that only you can offer to the world?

Do the math

your solution / mission / gift  
+ what people want / need

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Your Workshop

QUESTIONS / COMMENTS?

An easy mistake to make:

Step One:  
create the workshop

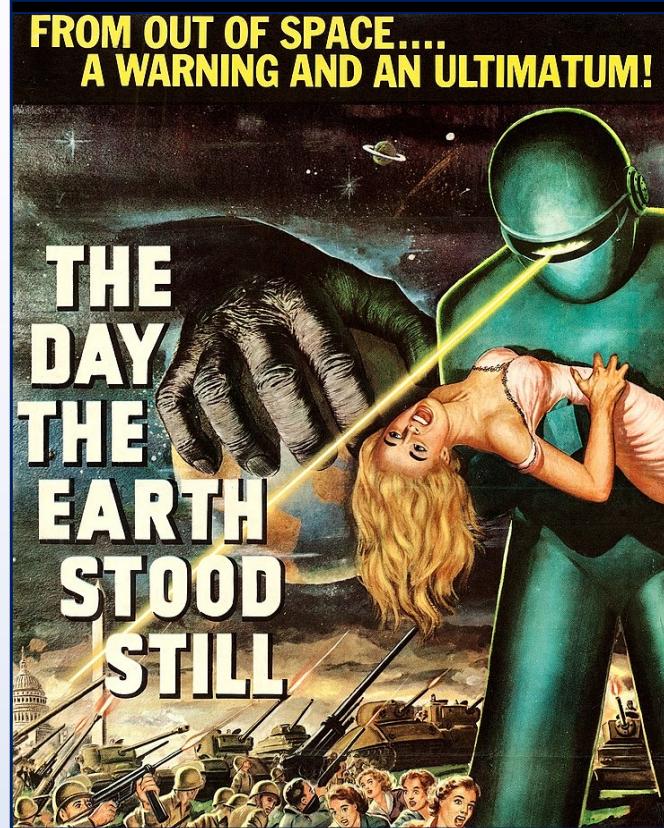
Step Two:  
sell the workshop



Reverse the process:

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the  
poster



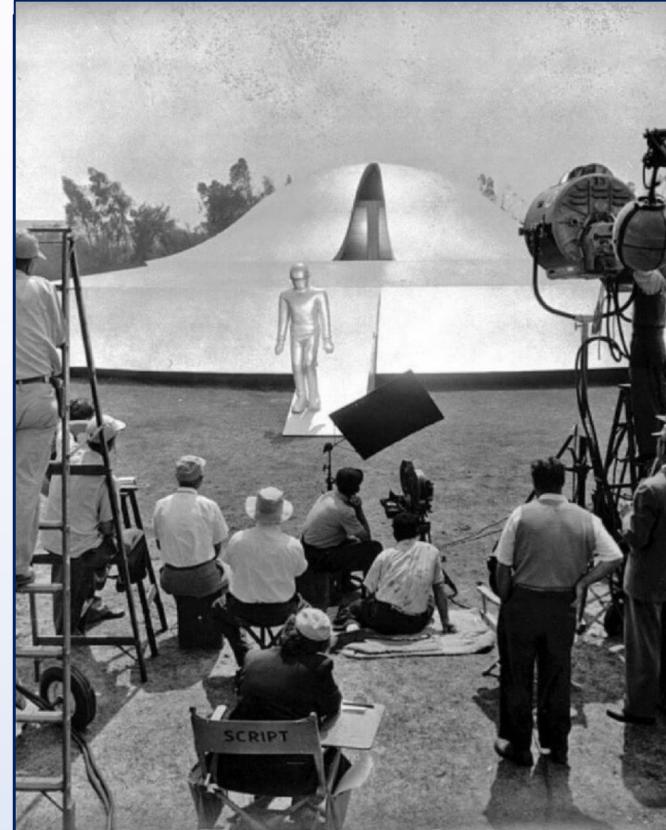
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# Sell the poster



Step Three:

# Make the movie



This is the most important thing:

Sell your workshop first,  
*then* create it.

Don't spend your time  
developing a workshop  
you haven't already sold!

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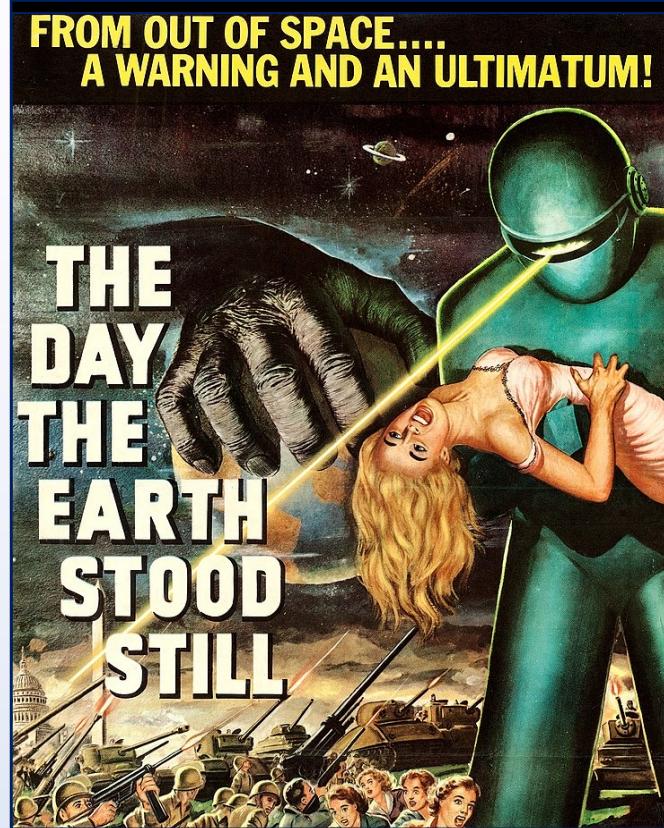
**Strategic Marketing automatically  
generates Marketing Communications**

**Marketing Communications is  
how you develop your  
workshop concept and outline**

# How to structure your development process

Step One:

Make  
the  
poster



## Making the Poster

Write a clear and concise description of

- What it is
- Who it's for
- What makes it different
- How it works
- What you get

Step Two:

# Sell the poster



**How to turn your sales  
pitch into a story:**

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- State the main point of your workshop as the answer to a question your students are asking
- State a self-evident truth
- Call out the problem / obstacle that's keeping your students from experiencing the truth
- State the question you wish your students were asking

## Selling the Poster

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- Condense the story into a workshop description suitable for web / social promotion

# **How to turn your story into a workshop**

Step Three:

# Make the movie



Shoot the last scene first

Shoot the first scene second

Shoot the middle scenes third

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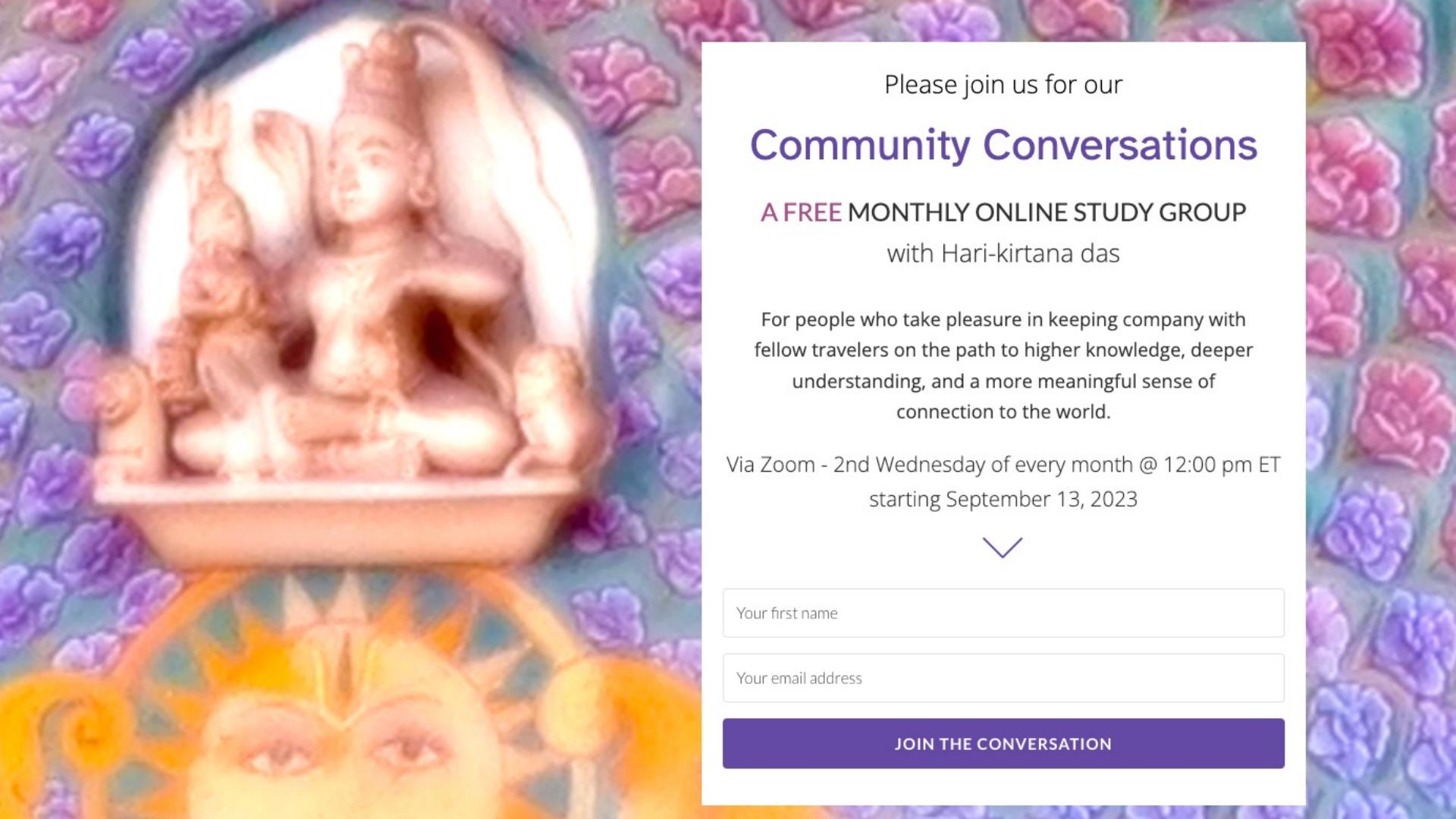
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