

Presents

Can We Talk? Tools for Creating Civil Discourse

A conference on methods for cultivating civil discourse in diverse settings

Thursday, September 18, 2008 - 8:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. - Arizona Biltmore Resort

Keynote Address

Deliberative Democracy & Dispute Resolution: Making the Connection

Richard C. Reuben, law professor from the University of Missouri, shares an overview of the theory of Deliberative Democracy, an approach to democracy that emphasizes face-to-face dialogue and decision-making based on reason and mutual understanding.

Case Studies and Successful Models

Concurrent Sessions

How to Engage Stakeholders in Environmental Problem Solving - Examples of deliberative processes relating to Indian rights to land, urban community/aircraft noise encroachment and an endangered species.

Navigating Conflict in the Workplace - Conflict resolution programs in Arizona including EEOC Mediation, U.S. Postal Service REDRESS, ombuds, and corporate in-house programs.

Reality Check: Managing Exponential Growth in the Valley - Findings from AZ One Reality Check group dialogue about our shared future growth.

Deliberation for Real World Problems - Public deliberation techniques used by government and nonprofit community organizations to improve community planning and problem-solving efforts.

Interactive Workshops

Concurrent Sessions

Arizona Town Hall Model: Building Consensus
Process for recommending policy changes.

From Stalemate to Breakthrough: Using Mediation Tools to Create Agreement - Tools for finding creative solutions to conflicts by exploring mutual interests rather than opposing positions.

Focused Conversations: Creating Shared Awareness and Deepening the Dialogue - Model for moving from superficial understanding to resolution about an issue by engaging all stakeholders in meaningful dialogue.

Community Forums: Techniques for Finding Common Ground - Skills of issue framing and moderating.

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Conference registration: \$60

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Immediately following the Conference
Arizona Town Hall Annual Luncheon - Noon-1:30 p.m.

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Using Informed Dialogue to Create Positive Policy Changes**

Featuring Former White House Chief Speechwriter Michael Waldman

Individual Luncheon tickets: \$125.

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