Public Policy Facilitation

This training provides an introduction to using collaborative governance approaches to address complex public issues. Emphasis will be placed on how to facilitate the phases of the collaborative process to resolve issues. We will also focus on the skills needed to structure meetings, facilitate groups and reach decisions using consensus. This interactive format combines small and large group exercises, demonstrations, coached role play and practice.

The training is provided by the National Policy Consensus Center (NPCC) in cooperation with the U of O Masters in Conflict Resolution Program, the PSU Conflict Resolution Program, the U of O Law School Appropriate Dispute Resolution Center, and the Northwest Institute for Conflict Resolution.

*Previous training in mediation skills is required for this course.*

In addition to the training, NPCC offers internship or practicum placement to PSU and U of O graduate students who want real world experience in resolving complex public policy issues. NPCC accepts applications on a rolling basis, making placements as they become available in a wide range of multi-stakeholder projects, dispute resolution, and planning processes in all areas of public policy.

For more information, to register for the training or to apply for internship/practicum placement, contact Mari Saint-Pierre, NPCC Training Coordinator at msaintpierre@clear.net.

Choose from the following sessions:

**University of Oregon**
- February 5-7, 2010
- 8:30am-5pm all days

**Portland State University**
- March 12-14, 2010
- 8:30am-5pm all days
- Cost: $575
- (Fee waived for PSU and U of O students)

**CORE INSTRUCTORS**

Elaine Hallmark was former Director and current Senior Consultant of Oregon Consensus. For four years Ms. Hallmark served on the former Oregon Dispute Resolution Commission, including three years as founding Chair. She has received numerous awards for her work in alternative dispute resolution in Oregon, including the Oregon State Bar’s Lezak Award of Merit for Outstanding Achievement in Appropriate Dispute Resolution and Lewis and Clark Law School’s Outstanding Environmental Alumnus Award.

Laurel Singer serves as Program Manager of Training, Health and Human Services for NPCC, working to foster the use of collaborative practices and approaches for addressing public policy issues in Human Services. Laurel is a long time mediator and facilitator with expertise in designing and implementing the most effective process possible to assist an organization, groups, or collection of stakeholders in making decisions and resolving conflicts constructively and collaboratively.

Jamie Damon has worked as a mediator and facilitator guiding individuals and communities through disputes to develop working relationships since 1986. Jamie has guided communities, and local, state and federal agencies in Oregon, Washington and Alaska through hundreds of contentious issues involving land use, transportation, water resources, emergency services, and organizational development. In addition, she has taught classes and training in mediation, facilitation and public process.

Turner Odell is the Natural Resources Program Manager for the Oregon Consensus Program, working to foster the use of collaborative approaches for addressing public policy issues related to natural resources and the environment. Turner is an attorney and mediator with more than 15 years experience in environmental and natural resource law and regulation. Prior experience includes litigation, agency negotiations, and mediation of complex, multi-party environmental issues.