

Presentations

Playback Theater NW

Using an original form of improvisational theater known as Playback Theater, we create a space where personal stories and experiences can be shared. We inspire broad, diverse communities through performances, classes, and workshops.

Employer Panel

Business representatives will share about their diversity programs, including their challenges and their successes. The discussion will broaden the scope of dignity and respect in the workplace and how that can be a benefit to business. Panel representation will include a cross section of local work environments, including education, manufacturing, customer service, and service providers.

Dignity+Respect=Inclusion: The Why, How, and Where are we going?

The Office of Diversity and Equity brought the Dignity & Respect Campaign to Multnomah County as part of our ongoing equity work. We will be covering why bringing the campaign has helped us create a shared language for implementing new strategies of equity and social justice work. We will also discuss where we are going with the campaign as we deepen our understanding of diversity and inclusion, identify and address barriers, and move towards integrating more community engagement.

Homeless in Bellingham

Homeless In Bellingham is a documentary video project with the purpose of understanding the issues of homelessness through the thoughts, opinions and research of citizens with diverse backgrounds and perspectives. It is intended to facilitate community dialogue, and to give voice to people with diverse perspectives, and to bring dignity to people who are often treated as less than human.

Registration Fee: \$45 Registration Form

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City/ST/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

(Confirmation sent to email)

Registration is \$45, payable by check or purchase order. We are unable to accept payment by credit card. This fee includes breakfast & lunch buffets.

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$45, payable to North Sound Mental Health Administration.

Purchase orders may be faxed along with your registration form to 360.416.7017.

Cancellations

Requests for cancellations will be accepted through February 21st in writing.

If you cancel after February 21st, we are unable to refund your registration fee.

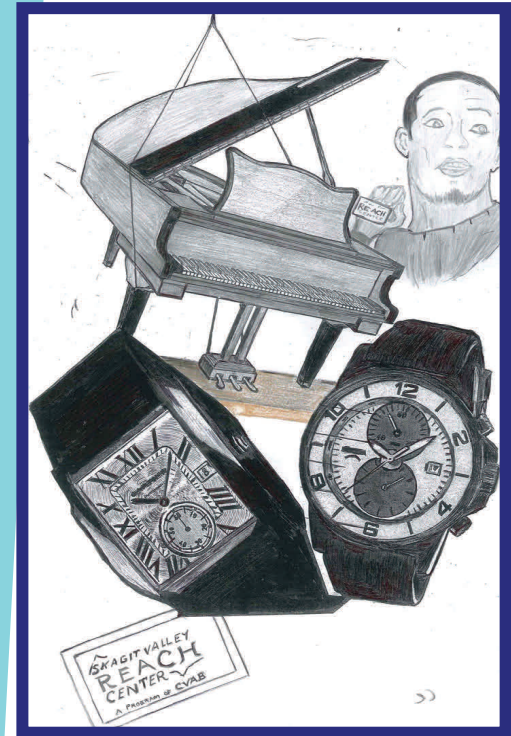
Non-advance payment of registration fees does not void the cancellation policy. All registrations not cancelled and not paid will be due and billed regardless of attendance.

No refunds will be given for "no-shows".

You may transfer your registration to another person. Please email requests for cancellation/transfers to dignity_respect@nsmha.org on or before February 21st.

Mail to:
North Sound Mental Health Administration
117 N 1st St Ste 8
Mt Vernon, WA 98273
360-416-7013

2014 North Sound Dignity & Respect Conference



Artwork: Reaching Out
by Steven Conn

Celebrating Workplace Diversity

March 4, 2014
McIntyre Hall
Mt Vernon, WA

Presenters

Greg Winter

Greg Winter is Director of the Whatcom Homeless Service Center at the Opportunity Council in Bellingham, and Chair of the Whatcom County Coalition to End Homelessness. He is also president of the research and planning firm, Cornerstone Strategies.

Fredrick Dent Filmmaker

Fredrick has been a media professional since 1972, working in documentary, marketing and corporate media. Using anthropological field and analysis methods he develops narratives that emerge from documentary coverage to create emotionally compelling films with factual integrity.

Shawn Postera

Shawn Lai Postera possesses a BA in English and American Indian Studies from Augsburg College. She is also a 2009 graduate of the Library and Information Science program from Dominican University. She has fifteen years' experience working in public libraries and other public services. She has a 25 year history of working on peace alliances, non-violent communication and working to dismantle racism everywhere from Minneapolis Minnesota to Windhoek Namibia to Multnomah County and their Dignity & Respect Campaign.

Mike Hudson-Project Manager Association of WA Businesses

Mike's work at the Institute has covered all aspects of workforce development and work readiness focusing on development of both hard and soft skills. He is dedicated to the development of the Washington Work Ready program to insure that all employers in the State of Washington has access to a fully qualified workforce.

Accessibility

If you need a reasonable accommodation for a disability, accommodations will be made available upon advance request. Please contact the NSMHA office before February 18, 2014 at 800-684-3555.

Keynote Speaker

Louie Gong

Louie is a Canadian artist, activist, and educator who was raised by his grandparents in the Nooksack tribal community. Although he is best known for his highly sought after, hand-drawn custom shoes, Louie has received international recognition for a body of work that - like his mixed heritage - defies categorization.

A former Child and Family Therapist, Louie started addressing the mixed race experience professionally in 2001. He went on to become President of MAVIN, a national non-profit that raises awareness about mixed race people and families, and co-developer of the Mixed Heritage Center. His commentary on race and cultural identity has been featured, in MSNBC.com, the New York Times, NBC Nightly News and BBC. He continues to serve on the Advisory Board of MAVIN and Mixed in Canada.

Louie is also the founder of Eighth Generation, through which he merges traditional Coast Salish art with icons from popular culture and influences from his mixed heritage to make strong statements about identity. His trend-setting aesthetic has been featured at the Smithsonian's NMAI and the cover of Native People's Magazine.

Timothy Corey

Graphic Facilitator—Colibri Facilitation

Timothy Corey continues to break new ground using methodologies that touch multiple senses. He attentively listens, internalizes the information at hand, reads between the lines, and graphically communicates a vision. The end result is the ability to offer intuitive insight that his clients find uncanny while helping individuals and organizations create more responsive strategies for communication and support.

With an international reputation, Tim has offered person-centered planning facilitation to over 700 teams. He's provided organizational development services for over 100 companies both for-profit and non-profit organizations, including community groups, governmental organizations, schools and forward-thinking companies. He is passionate about serving others, so it's no surprise that Tim's background includes 30 years experience working in human service systems that support people with disabilities and their families. He is also an executive coach through The Center for Leadership Formation at Seattle University.

Agenda

8:30 — 9:00

Registration &
Breakfast

9:00 — 12:00

Opening &
Welcome

Keynote Speaker:
Louie Gong

Playback Theater
Northwest

Video Series
Homeless in Bellingham

12:00 — 1:00

Lunch

1:00 — 4:00

Workplace
Diversity in Action

Shawn Postera
Office of Diversity &
Equity Multnomah
County

Mike Hudson
Association of
WA Businesses

Employer Panel

8:30 — 4:00

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