

Join us at our next
Building Community
Through Public
Deliberation
Workshop!

Deliberative Dialogues Project

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The goals of the Deliberative Dialogues Project are to promote deliberation and civic engagement and provide opportunities to connect the public and policy-makers to create new solutions to public issues.

Deliberation is always difficult because choices about what kind of community or country we want to have force us to deal with the pulls and pushes of the diverse priorities that are valuable to us. When people have different concerns, this "choice work" can really only be handled effectively in a deliberative dialogue. Deliberation is a particular form of reasoning and talking together in which we weigh carefully the costs and consequences of our various options for action, in the context of the views of others. Public forums, if they are to lead to sound decisions around community issues, have to be deliberative.

Many of our public issues are complex and contentious. Too often discussions and public meetings end up in shouting matches and in conflict. Many citizens end up polarized and feeling discouraged. The Deliberative Dialogues Project trains people how to engage others in their community in thoughtful conversations about important public issues

At this workshop you will:

- Learn a process for convening inclusive and diverse public forums
- Learn how to moderate a public forum and lead a deliberative dialogue
- Network with other who are working toward public involvement
- Engage in deliberation of issues with diverse citizens
- Learn specific questions to promote deliberation
- Deveop skills in managing difficult conversation

When and Where:

University of Hawai'i - Manoa Campus

May 19 - 20, 2006

Cost: \$90.00/per person - (includes all materials)

Registration Form and Brochure available for download on home page