

Building Community Through Public Deliberation

What does *Deliberation* mean?

- Learning the concerns people have about an issue.
- Identifying the consequences, costs, and benefits associated with the various approaches.
- Exhibiting a willingness to examine all sides of possible choices
- Working through the inherent conflicts.
- Finding a shared sense of direction or common ground for public action.

What are Deliberative Forums?

The National Issues Forums (NIF) network provides opportunities for adults and older youth to deliberate challenging public issues of the day in local forums. The Oklahoma Partnership for Public Deliberation uses the NIF materials and model to foster a deliberative habit in Oklahoma.

Deliberative forums address community relevant topics such as the economy, health care, and crime. Local forums are organized by civic, service, and religious organizations, as well as by libraries, high schools and colleges.

Forums are *different* from everyday conversations or adversarial debates, in that participants engage in deliberation of three or four choices framed around a particular issue. The forums present each issue in a neutral, nonpartisan way that encourages people to take a fresh look at the topic and at their own convictions.

What is the OMRA?

The OMRA is a 2-day workshop taught by experienced moderators and recorders designed to teach the skills of convening, moderating, and recording deliberative forums.

Who should attend the OMRA?

- Adults and older youth seeking a better way to address important issues in their community
- Concerned citizens seeking an alternative to adversarial debate in group meetings
- Community leaders facing conflict surrounding local issues
- Public officials who want to promote meaningful dialogue between citizens and government



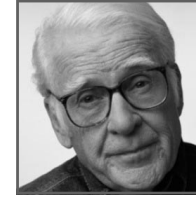
*Deliberation,
a different way
to talk.*

What will you learn?

- To deliberate rather than debate or just discuss important issues
- To develop public understanding and knowledge about issues
- To convene forums for deliberative dialogue
- To moderate and record deliberative forums
- To facilitate groups in finding common ground for action
- To report deliberative forums
- To connect with officeholders
- To stimulate public action

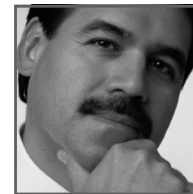
How can Public Deliberation benefit your organization or community?

Citizens will participate in making choices on public problems.



Educators can enjoy the way public deliberation enhances their students' ability to think critically and to listen to the ideas of others.

Community Groups will appreciate how public deliberation allows the public to address concerns and insights.



Religious Organizations can examine concerns through the lens of their faith.

Conference Organizers can include a deliberative forum to engage participants.

Tribal Organizations see deliberation as culturally viable in drawing participants with diverse capacities into the circle.

Libraries and Museums can sponsor deliberative forums to bring diverse programs together in a truly public space.

Civic Groups can discover ways to connect the work of their groups to the needs of communities.



Corrections and Counselors can use deliberative forums to help inmates or patients prepare for their work as citizens when they return to their communities.

Youth can lead public deliberation initiatives through their many membership organizations.

OKLAHOMA MODERATORS AND RECORDERS ACADEMY

Tulsa Police Academy
6066 E. 66th St. N
Tulsa, OK 74117-1811
June 13-14, 2007



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Oklahoma Partnership for Public Deliberation

The OPPD is a partnership of statewide and regional organizations interested in fostering citizen involvement in public decision making through public deliberation. Our web site:

www.OKdeliberates.org

OPPD Partners

- Common Cause Oklahoma
- Langston University/OKC Campus
- NAACP
- Oklahoma City University, School of Law
- Oklahoma Conference of Churches
- Oklahoma Department of Libraries
- Oklahoma Federal Executive Board/Shared Neutrals Council
- Oklahoma Home and Community Education
- Oklahoma Insurance Department
- Oklahoma Library Association
- Oklahoma State Department of Education- Lifelong Learning Section
- Oklahoma State University- Campus Life, Cooperative Extension Service
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- Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education- Campus Compact
- Pioneer Library System
- Redlands Community College
- University of Oklahoma- Center for Leadership Development

For more information about the Oklahoma Moderators and Recorders Academy or on becoming an OPPD Partner:

Visit us on the Web!

www.okdeliberates.org

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Intimate Partner Violence and Forums for the Centennial

At the 2007 OMRA, participants will learn to conduct deliberative forums using a new issue guide on domestic violence—specifically *Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)*.

The OPPD is encouraging people to conduct deliberative forums throughout Oklahoma using the IPV issue guide. In September, 2007, the OPPD will prepare a statewide report on Intimate Partner Violence forums and present the report at a press conference as part of Oklahoma's centennial celebration.

Registration Fees

OPPD is offering a **special discount registration fee** for OMRA registrants who commit to convene, moderate, or record IPV deliberative forums after the OMRA by December, 2007.

By paying the discounted fee, registrants agree to the following:

- **\$25.00** I commit to convene, moderate, and/or record **three (3)** deliberative forums using the Intimate Partner Violence issue guide by December, 2007 and submit a short report on each forum to the OPPD.
- **\$75.00** I commit to **two (2)** deliberative forums using the IPV issue guide by December, 2007 and to submit a short report on each forum to the OPPD.
- **\$125.00** I commit to **one (1)** deliberative forum using the IPV issue guide by December, 2007 and to submit a short report on each forum to the OPPD.
- **\$175.00** I wish to attend the OMRA at the regular price.

OMRA

When and Where?

Tulsa Police Academy
6066 E. 66th St. N
Tulsa, OK 74117-1811

(Registration Wednesday 7:45-8:30am)
Wednesday, June 13 8:30am—5:45pm
Thursday, June 14 8:30am—5pm

Registration

Registration fee includes:

- Instruction Materials
- Two (2) lunches, one (1) continental breakfast, and all breaks

Register **online** at: www.OKdeliberates.org
OR detach the registration form and mail with a check or credit card information.
Purchase Orders cannot be accepted.

DEADLINE: June 1, 2007

Conference Lodging

Best Western Inn 918.282.2000
7653 N. Owasso Expy www.bestwestern.com

Holiday Inn Express 918.274.4100
7551 N. Owasso Expy
www.arestravel.com/1187_hotel-info_h31314.html

Hilton Garden Inn 918.838.1444
7728 E. Virgin Court www.hiltongardeninn.com

Registration Form

Register **online** at: www.OKdeliberates.org
OR fill out this form and mail to the address below.

Print Name as to appear on badge

Title and/or Organization

Address

City/State/Zip

Day phone

Fax number

Email

Specify any special dietary or mobility/access needs

Member or work for an OPPD Partner Organization? Yes, please indicate below.

Registration and Fees: (Please check one.)
See "Registration Fees" for fee terms.

I commit to conduct:

- 3 forums - **\$25 fee** 2 forums - **\$75**
- 1 forum - **\$125** Pay regular fee - **\$175**

(A limited number of mini-grants may be available for holding deliberative forums for your organization.)

Payment Type:

- Enclosed is my check (make payable to OSU)
- Please bill my Visa/MasterCard (circle one)

Account Number

Expiration Date

Signature

Please Mail (check) or Fax (credit card) Registration Form to:

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430 Student Union,
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