



## Next Gen Advanced Partnership Convening

### DRAFT AGENDA

October 29-30, 2019 – Eugene, OR

#### Facilitation for Next Gen Sector Partnership Conveners and Leaders

October 29<sup>th</sup>: 9:00-4:30 p.m.

*8:30 a.m. Registration and Breakfast*

*This will be a day-long intensive focused on the art and science of effectively facilitating Next Gen Sector Partnerships. John Baker, a nationally recognized expert in participatory processes, will join the Next Gen team to deliver an interactive and practical training to equip you with the skills needed to facilitate partnerships effectively.*

*8:00 a.m. Bus departs the Graduate Hotel*

**8:30 a.m. Registration and Breakfast**

**9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions**

Introductions around the room, from around the country.

**9:30 a.m. Foundations of Good Facilitation**

What does consistently strong facilitation require? We'll cover the basics.

**10:00 a.m. Form follows Function – Exploring the Right Techniques for the Right Outcome**

Get ready for highly interactive role playing and troubleshooting as we explore the mix of facilitation tools you need in our toolbox.

**11:00 a.m. Morning Break**

**11:30 a.m. The Art of Focused Conversation**

Did you know there's a method to group conversation? We'll learn it, and practice it. And practice and practice and practice! Bring your best Next Gen sector partnership scenarios and we'll make this real!

**12:30 a.m. Lunch Break and Networking**

**1:30 p.m. Consensus – is it a futile search or can we get there?**



We'll learn another proven and replicable facilitation process that can move your partnership and committees closer to consensus. Again, this will be interactive and we'll practice on each other, so bring your real scenarios.

- 3:00 p.m.     **Different Facilitation needs for different stages of partnerships**  
We'll discuss the stages of your partnerships, and brainstorm the specific challenges or required facilitation approaches depending on the stage you're in. Then, we'll practice!
- 4:00 p.m.     **Wrapping up – What's left?**  
We'll do some final finetuning before heading off to network and practice the art of focused conversation over happy hour.
- 4:30 p.m.     **Adjourn**
- 6:00 p.m.     **Networking Reception**  
Sweet Cheeks Tasting Room  
27002 Briggs Hill Road, Eugene, OR  
*A chartered bus will depart the Graduate Hotel at 5:30 p.m. and return to the Graduate by 8:00 p.m.*

***Thank you to the Oregon Workforce Partnership for sponsoring this unique networking opportunity.***

## Advanced Next Generation Sector Partnership Training

October 30<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 – 4:00 p.m.

*8:00 a.m. Registration and Breakfast*

*This training will focus on intensive peer-to-peer sharing and exchange of best practices and nuts-and-bolts tools like staffing arrangements, committee structures, fundraising strategies, and sustainability. We expect that participants will return home with fresh ideas, best practices, and the tools needed to take partnerships to the next level.*

- 7:30 a.m.     *Bus departs the Graduate Hotel*
- 8:00 a.m.     **Registration and Breakfast**
- 8:30 a.m.     **Welcome and Introductions**  
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- 9:00 a.m.      **Critical Functions of a Partnership**  
Organizing industry leaders into a functioning network plus coordinating an uncoordinated array of education, workforce and economic development organizations in support are obvious functions of a well-functioning partnership. But there's more. We'll explore other functions Next Gen partnerships fulfill.
- 9:45 a.m.      **Form follows Function – Exploring Partnership Structures**  
What is required to fill the functions of a good partnership? We'll explore what it takes to be successful, from the role of the convener, to communication protocols, funding and leveraging resources, messaging to stakeholders, and when to know it's time for more formal organization.
- 10:30 a.m.      **Morning Break**
- 10:45 a.m.      **Getting Practical: Achieving Sustainable Staffing and Capacity**  
Job descriptions, hours and budgets, internal operation shifts of convener and partner organizations, staffing choices, accountability --- these, among others, are critical elements of sustainable staffing.
- 12:15 a.m.      **Lunch Break and Networking**
- 1:30 p.m.      **Cultivating Leadership – Business and Industry**  
Here we will explore together the different types of needed leadership for a successful partnership, starting with business and industry. This session will be a special workshop delivered by national Next Gen Business Champions.
- 2:45 p.m.      **Exploring Other Types of Needed Leadership**  
Successful Next Gen partnerships take more than just business leaders. What do we look for in leaders from education and training, community and economic development, and elected officials? This session will dig into growing a fully invested support structure for your work.
- 3:30 p.m.      **The Final Catch-All: Loose Ends, Burning Questions, New Insights**  
We see you all as mentors going forward to other regions new to Next Gen. We hope you'll answer the call to help build this field. This session will list out unanswered questions as well as new insights to help the Next Gen Community of Practice keep pushing the edges of knowledge sharing and innovation.
- 4:00 p.m.      **Adjourn**