

"There is no greater power than a community discovering what it cares about" - Margaret Wheatley



Community Building for Alaska

October 24-25, 2011

Sponsored by Alaska Community Foundation & Alaska Pacific University — Atwood Center

TARGET AUDIENCE *200 Alaska Catalysts*

- Community leaders and philanthropists
- Mix of rural and urban citizens representing our diverse population
- Business and emerging leaders
- Non-profit leaders
- Native and Government leaders
- Education leaders, and teachers
- Grass-root change agents and catalysts
- Faith-based leaders
- Students and academics

PARTICIPANTS CAN EXPECT TO:

CONNECT ASK-LISTEN-LEARN IMPACT

- Connect with diverse individuals from across Alaska who care about community
- Learn and experience a practical, profound, and creative methodology for hosting conversations that build community
- Hear from and engage with people and groups that are actively building community
- Participate in, gain skills to facilitate, and learn from powerful community building conversations
- Be challenged and inspired to "walk together," contribute as citizens, and have impact as catalysts for change
- Develop a sense of community and belonging by turning your organization into a community
- Create ongoing connections with participants that sustains individual and collective energy and impact

FEES AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Business Participants \$200
- Non-Profit, Gov't, Community Member. \$100
- To Register, go to: www.alaskacf.org
- Scholarships Available

What is Community Building?

**Igniting Citizenship • Building Trust • Seeing Possibility
• Engagement • Strengthening the Fabric of Society**

OUR FACILITATOR • LOUISE VAN RHYN

The sessions will be facilitated by Louise van Rhyn, a passionate social entrepreneur and South African citizen. Louise has worked closely with Peter Block over the years and is excited to do this work with the people of Alaska. Louise is committed to making "Walk Together" a possibility in her own country, and where she finds 'mates' who also envision this possibility. She sees the Community Building Sessions as an opportunity to mobilize citizens to contribute to an alternative future for their communities, states and nations, "one conversation at a time."



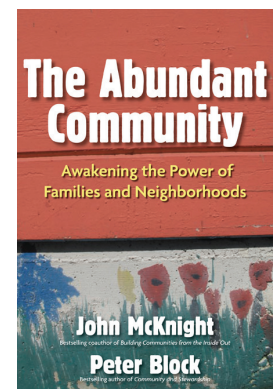
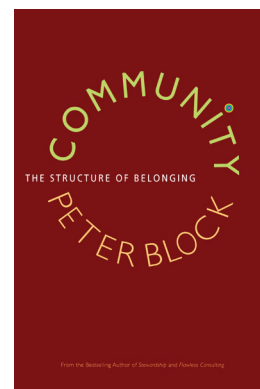
"We see conversation as the primary organizing process in social systems, which is why our interventions are conversation-centric. We introduce world-class organizational change processes and methodologies and support leaders and practitioners who are courageous enough to introduce new ways of doing and being into their organizations."



OUR METHODOLOGY • PETER BLOCK

The Community Building Sessions are based on the methodology and work of Peter Block. His two latest books (below), "Community: The Structure of Belonging" and "Abundant Community" will be sold at each session.

"Most sustainable improvements in community occur when citizens discover their own power to act... when they stop waiting for the professionals or elected leadership to do something, and decide they can reclaim what they have delegated to others." - Peter Block
"Community: The Structure of Belonging."



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