Participants in this three-day workshop will be trained to a high standard of technical competence in the design and management of collaborative, participatory meetings – especially when members hail from diverse backgrounds and constituencies.

**Training topics will include:**

- Structure of participatory meetings
- Facilitation skills
- In-depth understanding of the group dynamics that occur during meetings
- Decision-making methods
- Designing realistic agendas

The workshop will be facilitated by Alissa Van Nort who, after a decade-long career working as a firefighter, created Seewalk Group, a company specializing in mediation and facilitation services. She has been organizing and helping groups do their best thinking together for more than 20 years. Alissa received her training in mediation, contracts and negotiation through the University of California, Berkeley and has furthered her skills studying with Community At Work where she learned to teach their Group Facilitation Skills course. Her core facilitation experience has been with non-profits, public service agencies, teams, families and employee organizations.

This workshop is valued at $1,895, and is being offered on a sliding scale of $300-500 for non-students, $200 for students, for this session only. Participants must be available to attend all three days. **Space is limited.**

The required workbook, *Facilitator’s Guide to Participatory Decision-Making* (Third Edition) by Sam Kaner et al, may be purchased for $25 from the course registrar, or purchased online. Snacks, coffee and tea will be provided. Participants should bring lunch and other supplemental food and beverages.

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