

blink: to refresh; to see anew

Facilitating inclusive conversations for social justice

Saturday, November 4, 2017; 9am-12pm at Marin Country Day School in Corte Madera, CA

According to facilitation guru Sam Kaner, "The facilitator's job is to support everyone to do their best thinking and practice." As a facilitator, how do you elicit your group's best thinking and action around social identities and issues that are sometimes personal *and* political, in a political climate that is increasingly polarized? In this facilitate-the-facilitators workshop, participants will explore the challenges of facilitating conversations not just about, but *for* social justice, meaning for the mutual safety and inclusion of diverse individuals and beliefs, when different points of view are not represented—or valued—equally. This workshop will help participants build a foundation for authentic engagement in conversations about identity, diversity and social justice. Participants will consider the role and responsibilities of the facilitator; identify effective tools and strategies for creating safe learning spaces for important—and sometimes challenging—conversations; and explore the practice of facilitating for inclusion and equity not just as content or concept, but as an experience and process for groups.

This workshop is for preK-adulthood staff, administrators, faculty, trustees and parents/guardians who are interested in, or are already, facilitating conversations about diversity and social justice in their communities.

Takeaways:

- Shared understanding of “diversity,” “inclusion” and “social justice” as facilitation dynamics, opportunities and responsibilities
- Practical “try tomorrow” (Pollock, 2008) tools and strategies for facilitating inclusive planned and unplanned conversations
- Frameworks for working with diverse groups



About Blink:

Alison Park is the founder of Blink Consulting, an educational consultancy that is critically rethinking diversity. Since 2005, Blink has collaborated with over 90 schools, as well as private, government and community-based organizations to help create communities where all children, youth and adults can thrive. In addition to her work with clients, Alison has facilitated at numerous conferences, partnered with other organizations, and served on Park Day School's Board of Trustees. Alison currently serves on the SMART program's Board of Directors and Advisory Board of the Mosaic Project. Before Blink, Alison taught for thirteen years in the public, non-profit and private sectors.

For more information about Blink, please visit www.rethinkingdiversity.com.

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- * have a scheduling conflict?
- * have a large group that would like to attend?
- * have a request for creating a workshop?

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Workshop registration form

Workshop registration fee (includes continental breakfast):

Individual: \$150 per person per workshop

Group: \$125 per person per workshop for 3 or more participants from 1 school.

Please contact Alison at alison@rethinkingdiversity.com if the registration fee is prohibitive for your school.

To register:

1. Please email the following information to alison@rethinkingdiversity.com.
(If registering multiple people, please include all registrant information in one e-mail).
 - School/organization
 - Registrant name(s) and position(s)/role(s)
 - Registrant e-mail(s)—used only to send registration confirmation and materials for this workshop.
 - The workshop for which you are registering.** Receipt of this information reserves your seat(s) in the workshop.

2. Please mail payment by check to:
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Space for each workshop is limited to 40. Please e-mail Alison to reserve your seat(s) while processing payment.