

Consultant Profile: elizaBeth Simpson

Specializations:

- Program Design and Assessment
- Strategic Planning
- Decision-making and Creativity
- Conflict Resolution
- Cultural Awareness/Sensitivity
- Teambuilding
- Outreach and Fundraising



Biography:

elizaBeth Simpson has been working with the aspirations, conflicts, and interpersonal dynamics of nonprofits, intentional communities, small businesses, grassroots organizations, and individuals for 20 years. In that time, she has developed unique, participatory methods to support individuals and groups in clarifying aims, making decisions, resolving conflicts, and designing organizational structures and day-to-day processes that improve effectiveness, capacity, and satisfaction.

elizaBeth specializes in developing cooperation and confidence within groups. Whether they motivated and ready to elevate, stagnant, or in crisis, her skills, enthusiasm, and creativity have brought both new and established to a renewed sense of purpose and passion. With clarity and efficacy, elizaBeth guides groups through meetings and trainings painlessly, leaving participants refreshed, knowledgeable, prepared, and even enthusiastic.

Through her extensive work in community organizing as well as her experience developing and facilitating workshops on Unlearning Racism and on Gender and Consent, elizaBeth is particularly well positioned to support organizations that aspire towards positive social change, internally or externally.

Elizabeth's passion for, and participation in, positive social change initiatives has exposed her to a variety of organizations, meetings styles, personalities, and a vast array of how to work with donors, volunteers, and staff. Her capacity to reinvigorate a group, coach organizations away from pitfalls, and to address latent issues proactively have made her a favorite facilitator of local organizations for over 14 years.

Select Client List:

- Strategic Planning. Common Ground Food Coop. Urbana, IL.
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- Customer Service. Urbana Free Library, Urbana, IL.
- Conflict Resolution. Common Ground Food Coop, Urbana, IL.
- Social Identity Awareness. Illinois Public Health. Springfield, IL.
- Board Development. Channing-Murray Foundation. Urbana, IL.
- Mission Development. Community Media Project. St. Louis, MO.
- Outreach and Marketing. Cooperative Nursery School. Urbana, IL.
- Fundraising. Baroque Artists of C-U, Champaign, IL.
- Grant Writing and Project Management. Holistic Family Wellness Program. Urbana, IL
- Engaging Black Youth. WILL Radio-TV. Champaign, IL.

Select Training and Certificates:

- 2012 "Lessons in Popular Education and Cultural Organizing." Elandria Williams, Highlander Center. Oakland, CA. 8 hours.
- 2012 "Theater of the Oppressed: Framing Questions." Julian Boal, Pedagogy and Theater of the Oppressed. Oakland, CA. 25 hours.
- 2011 "Restorative Circles." Dominic Barter, Restorative Circles. Urbana, IL. 40 hours.
- 2011 "Popular Education as a Methodology." Francisco Argüelles, Colectivo Flatlander. Chicago, IL. 16 hours.
- 2010 "Art of Hosting Community Conversations." Chicago, IL. 30 hours.
- 2009 "Theater of the Oppressed: Waging Peace, Designing Justice." Mark Weinblatt, Mandala Center for Change. Port Townsend, Washington. 80 hours.
- 2009 "The Art of Hosting: Creating Healthy Communities so Children and Families Can Thrive." Springfield, IL. 30 Hours.
- 2008 "Theater of the Oppressed: Rainbow to Forum." Augusto Boal, Pedagogy and Theater of the Oppressed. Omaha, NE. 16 hours. May 2008.
- 2007 "Dynamic Governance." U.S. Green Building Council. Urbana, IL. 8 hours.
- 2007 "How to Think and Act Like an Inclusive Organization." Susan O'Halloran. Lincoln Trails Library System. Urbana, IL. 8 hours.
- 2006 "Family-Group Conferencing." Illinois Balanced and Restorative Justice Initiative. Urbana, IL. 40 hours.
- 2006 "Peace Circles." Illinois Balanced and Restorative Justice Initiative. 40 hours.
- 2006 "Victim-Offender Reconciliation Mediator Training." Mark Krug. Champaign County Court Diversion. 30 hours.
- 2005 "Anti-Racist Organizing." People's Organization for Survival and Beyond. New Orleans, LA. 16 hours.
- 2001 "CRISS (Creating Independence through Student Owned Strategies)." Worcester Public Schools. Worcester, MA. 30 hours.
- 2001 Consensus Internship with Laird Schaub. Jamaica Plains, MA.
- 2000 "Formal Consensus." C.T. Butler, Fellowship for Intentional Community. 4 hours.
- 2000 "Theater of the Oppressed: Forum Theater." Augusto Boal, Theatre of the Oppressed. Worcester, MA. 16 hours.