

# Art of Hosting

AND HARVESTING CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER



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We live in a meeting culture. Have an idea for something at work? Schedule a meeting. Want to explore a volunteer opportunity? Attend a meeting. Want to make a difference at your kids' school? Organize a meeting. It leads to schedules packed solid with meetings. And somehow, nothing gets done.

Instead, the real work often occurs in the hallway between meetings or over a meal with your neighbors. It's clear that people are hungry for a better way to have conversations that matter and to use these conversations to drive change in our communities.

That's what the Art of Hosting is all about: being better *together*. It's possibly the key to solving community problems.

**What is Art of Hosting?** Sometimes described as a suite of facilitation tools, it's more appropriately defined as a philosophy or a set of beliefs and values that draw out collective wisdom from communities or groups. As described on the Art of Hosting website, when human beings are invited to work together on what truly matters to them, they will take ownership and responsibility for moving their issues and ideas into wiser actions that last. Find more information at [www.artofhosting.org](http://www.artofhosting.org).

**Who should attend?** The workshop is open to North Dakota residents passionate about facilitating positive change and making a difference in their community.

**When is it?** The workshop begins at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, February 4 and ends at 3 p.m. Thursday, February 6.

**Registration:** \$200 fee (includes all workshop materials and breakfast, lunch and snacks each day). While Art of Hosting typically requires tuition of \$600 or more, the North Dakota League of Cities is able to offer the training at \$200, thanks to support from the Bush Foundation. **Apply online at [www.ndlc.org/aoh](http://www.ndlc.org/aoh).** The application deadline is January 2, 2014. Thirty-five applicants will be accepted and notified by Tuesday, January 7.



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**Have questions?**  
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*Come ready to challenge your assumptions, be purposeful in conversation and find new solutions together to create the self, organizations and communities you've been longing for.*