

SYMPOSIUM

ML903 Transforming Your Organization and Community to Thrive in 2010: Understanding Trends, Challenges and Opportunities

Participants from different cultures and communities throughout the Rocky Mountain States and Texas will convene in a forum in which each can contribute to the dialogue about critical matters affecting their communities. The symposium will begin with the *Big Picture Trends* from renowned national and regional experts, including a thoughtful treatment on *Civic Engagement* as an essential component of successful community development. Armed with these insights, participants will be challenged by small group discussions and breakout workshops that address specific strategies for significant, on-the-ground, impact. The symposium will offer a wide range of perspectives, helping participants to become better informed, involved citizens in their organizations and communities. Participants will come away with a greater understanding of their local and regional contexts, as well as meaningful approaches to shape the future of their communities.

Agenda

John Hickenlooper, Mayor, City of Denver: Welcome to Denver!

SYMPOSIUM OVERVIEW

Peter Block: *Facilitator*

OPENING PLENARY SESSION

Edward Gramlich: *National Economic Trends and Projections*

Daniel Kemmis: *Setting the Context for Civic Commitment*

How can we think about restoring civic commitment and a sense of place and local control to our collective lives? Dr. Kemmis will share his experiences and research on the importance of a *local* economy, *local* consciousness and *local* civic engagement.

PANEL OF EXPERTS

- Mark Drabenstott: *Trends in Rural Places*
- Sheila Maith: *Trends in Affordable Housing and Public Policy*
- Rogelio Saenz: *Trends in Changing Demographics*

SMALL GROUP CONVERSATIONS: *Responding to Trends Through Fulfillment of Citizenship and the Creation of Community.*

LUNCHEON KEYNOTE: Patricia Nelson Limerick

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS/BREAKOUTS

Participants select a community development lens through which to view the important role of civic engagement:

- Community-based Economic Development
- Developing New Partnerships in Affordable Housing
- Emerging Markets/Diversity Opportunities in Communities
- Models for How Communities Can Do Affordable Housing Development
- Rural Community Development

CLOSING PLENARY SESSION

The morning Plenary Session speakers return to reflect on the day's discussions and share tangible, effective strategies that respond to trends and create successful outcomes.

Featured Speakers

PETER BLOCK
Nationally recognized author and consultant

MARK DRABENSTOTT
Vice president and director, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City Center for the Study of Rural America

EDWARD GRAMLICH
Member, board of governors, Federal Reserve; chairman of Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation's board of directors

DANIEL KEMMIS
Director, Center for the Rocky Mountain West

SHEILA MAITH
Managing director, policy and leadership, Fannie Mae Foundation

PATRICIA NELSON LIMERICK
Board chair, Center of the American West

ROGELIO SAENZ
Professor and head of the Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University