



Convening organizations are emerging throughout Canada as a means of creating and implementing bold community visions. This workshop will introduce participants to the techniques of creating a convening organization to support collective community work on complex issues. By exploring the key steps and elements for establishing and managing such an organization, participants will develop an understanding of the mechanics and dynamics of operating in a new way to achieve high impact outcomes for the community.

The first part of the workshop focuses on the value of a convening organization as a tool for community engagement and comprehensive work on local social issues. Participants will also learn about the phases of a convening organization's work and have the opportunity to examine those phases through case studies.

In the second part, participants will examine the first phase of convening work: exploring local interest in the issue. Using familiar scenarios, they will design a plan for each area of the work, and discuss ways to overcome some of the challenges. They will also learn about the benefits and challenges that environmental factors pose for the work.

This workshop is available in a three-hour, one or two-day format.

Workshop rate: Workshop costs are based on location, length of seminar and number of learners expected. Most workshops will be sponsored by the host organization. Tamarack may provide limited marketing assistance to promote seminars.