



Facilitation Services

Storywalkers provides customized facilitation to allow a community to explore pressing topics or to increase a group's ability to work effectively, learn from one another and strengthen collaborative relationships. Gatherings include one-time events, a series of conversations or ongoing efforts to build communication, leadership and coordination.

- ★ **Board & Staff Retreats:** Storywalkers provides the structure and strategies to ensure that critical conversations can take place. Depending on the culture of the board and the challenges facing an organization, these conversations may emphasize vision and new opportunity; resolving differences; or setting priorities and creating action plans.
- ★ **Communities of Practice:** The work of non-profit organizations is in a continuous state of evolution. Communities of practice engage teams of professionals in regularly occurring conversations – either virtually or in-person. Participants focus on a current professional idea or challenge; share stories, insights, best practices and new possibilities; and develop a clear action plan to reach a new outcome.
 - ★ **Public Forums & Community Input:** Storywalkers utilizes participatory tools and strategies to engage stakeholders in planning, project design and decision-making. We conduct focus groups and town hall-type public forums, which can also be supported by surveys or interviews.
- ★ **Capacity Building & Professional Development:** We convene conversations that promote organizational learning and professional development through peer-to-peer learning. We engage institutions as *learning organizations*, in which team members cultivate curiosity, support risk-taking, and seek to address contradictions within the organization.
 - ★ **Participatory Planning:** Storywalkers works with leadership teams to clarify and define desired outcomes in terms that potential funders and partners can grasp. Storywalkers supports project organizers in designing a set of concrete and achievable strategies.

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