



# SPRINGBOARD Social Innovation Forum

January Theme: *Arts as Vision*

~The 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month~

*Welcome* to the Springboard Social Innovation Forum.

Springboard Social Innovation Forum invites you to think. Ask questions. Find your passion. Take action.

*Get enraged. Get engaged. Get busy.*

**Tonight, Springboard Social Innovation Forum turns the focus to the intersection between the arts, diverse and “invisible” groups, and visioning for the future.**

As the world seeks new and diverse ideas for the future, we need to design creative and culturally responsive methods and opportunities to engage *everyone*. This Forum will discuss how to use the arts to engage those who are often left out of decision making and visioning for the future.

How can the arts bring a diversity of voices into public and community dialogue? Why is this important? How can we make sure that when we ask the question “What’s your vision for the future?” we ask a wide variety of people? How can we work together to turn our individual as well as common visions into reality? Tonight’s panelists and workshops will review innovative trends in using art as vehicle for diverse inclusion by discussing some important questions:

- **Why does a wide range of voices matter?**
- **How do you bring new voices into the conversation about vision and planning?**
- **How and why do you use the arts to do this?**

Chances are, you’ll have some good answers of your own. Tonight is your chance to talk about them with others in the community who share your concern. And if you have an idea ready to turn into action, you’ll find experts ready to help you get started.

The Springboard Social Innovation Forum is a monthly community event sponsored by Springboard Innovation, a nonprofit organization based in Portland that fosters community-led community change. Our mission is to help turn ideas to action, led by local community members... like you.



*Launching community-led community change.*

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January, 14 2009

5:30 – 9:00 p.m.

At the Urban Grind in NE Portland  
Coffee and community action!

5:30 p.m.

*Get crafty! Create a pair glasses to help you see the future. Join SCRAP, the School and Community Reuse Action Project, at the hands on table to use reclaimed art materials to find the right prescription for clarifying your future visions.*

6:10 p.m.

Welcome: Amy Pearl, Springboard Innovation

6:15 p.m.

**Panel:** Moderator - Suzie Boss, Stanford Social Innovation Review Journalist

- Sally Peters, SpeakArtLoud
- Romeo Sosa, Voz: Workers' Rights Education Project
- Melinda Pittman, BroadArts Theatre
- Sonali S. Balajee, Independent Consultant & Health Equity Policy Analyst

7:15 p.m.

Support Session begins

- **Collaborative Session Tables** (In front of Stage)

## Professional Services Sessions

Couches under  
Windows

1. **Listen to the Voices of Diverse Communities.** Debbie Caselton, Diverse and Empowered Employees of Portland (DEEP): Learn strategies for building an organization in which group meetings and activities are a welcoming venue for reaching out to and engaging people from cultures other than in your own your neighborhood.

Dangerous Table  
Room

2. **The Importance of Art in Community Development Work.** Sarah Dougher, p:ear. Discover how art helps homeless youth form relationships and transforms their lives from tolerable to functional. Learn how this artistic strategy is can be applied to help other at-risk populations. Non-artists encouraged to attend.

Ping-Pong Room

3. **Songwriting to Create the Future.** Melinda Pittman, BroadArts Theatre: Create a short song that is a proactive message about your goals for the future. Learn and draw melodies from historical organizing songs.

Kid's Area

4. **Photographic Vision.** Chris Cearnal and Alex Ney, My Story: Hands-on workshop; Use photography and writing to communicate your vision for the future. Experience an innovative, fun process for translating your personal vision into an inspiring, work of art. Come with ideas! Limited to 10 participants

Or, work at the Hands-On Table, meet with Springboard staff, use the computers...

8:15 p.m.

Performance

- PHAME Academy Choir
- Veterans For Peace Chapter 72
- BroadArts Theatre

*(Next month, February 11: Caring)*