



— **SPRINGBOARD** **Social** **Innovation** **Forum**

March Theme: *Local Solutions*

~The 2nd 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.

This month: What local solutions are changing the way we do things in a city?

Tonight's forum will showcase emerging local projects for real-time, hands-on learning. From community currency to neighborhood-based alternative energy to a citywide model for social innovation—jump in to learn and engage in real change in your own neighborhoods.

Discover how you connect with powerful local programs and ideas, help get them off the ground, implement them in your neighborhood, or integrate them with your mission—they benefit you! If you are an organization or individual seeking to build neighborhood support, map your community's assets, or adapt our city to support social, environmental, and economic innovation, please join in to take action. During tonight's forum, community-based social entrepreneurs will lead exercises on tapping into Portland's bounty of local resources and answer some challenging questions:

- **When is *local* more powerful than national? Why is "focusing locally" taking on more significance than ever before?**
- **How does your organization connect with community members?**
- **Describe how you uncover community assets, and how you increase community capacity in the process.**
- **How can participants be involved with your neighborhood programs?**
- **What community assets are *missing*?**

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 envisioned and hosted 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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5:30 p.m. *Share a meal with a fellow community member.
Take this opportunity to meet neighbors and connect with local projects.*

6:10 p.m. **Welcome: Josh Hilsdon**, *forum co-curator and Sunnyside Neighborhood Energy Advisory Board Member*

6:15 p.m. **Speakers**

- **Jeri Williams**, Office of Neighborhood Involvement
- **John Sorenson**, Northwest Neighborhood Energy
- **Sara Garrett**, MotiveSpace
- **Amy Pearl**, Innovative Cities
- *Facilitator – Josh Hilsdon*

7:15 p.m.

Main Room

Whole Group Activity!

- ❖ **Community Asset Mapping** Josh Hilsdon, Sunnyside Neighborhood Energy (SunNE), and Aaron Ray, Springboard Innovation.
Connect by mapping your assets and needs on maps of Portland neighborhoods

8:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Workshops**

❖ **Engage!**

In Front of Stage

1. **Innovative Cities** Amy Pearl and Aaron Ray of Springboard Innovation. Join in the development of the first-ever Citywide Model for Social Innovation. Using the neighborhood maps from the group activity, help identify resources that support nonprofits and innovation in Portland. Then, we will publish to the Web.

Dangerous Table Room

2. **Transitioning to Community Sufficiency.** David Johnson and Leonard Barrett of Transition PDX will lead exercises on envisioning the neighborhood, community, and city we want to live in as we move away from oil dependence.

Kids' Room

3. **Identifying Assets for Community Energy: The SunNE Project.** Josh Hilsdon and John Sorenson, Northwest Neighborhood Energy. Join the Sunnyside Neighborhood as they map the resources needed to create a neighborhood-based energy utility. *Open to all*—jump in and learn. Utilize SunNE's efforts as a model for gathering resources for your own project.

Ping Pong Room

4. **MotiveSpace and Community Way** Sara Garrett, MotiveSpace. Learn more about how to engage with MotiveSpace and the innovative economic model of Community Way. Find out how to move this promising plan forward in Portland.

Main Room

❖ **Collaborative Session Tables**

Are you launching an idea or organization? Get others to help you! Claim a table, define the need, and ask for help. Pull up a chair and offer advice, feedback, ideas... Dry erase signs are available at the sign-in table. Engage!

(Next month, April 8: Online Solutions)