



“Relationship Building Blocks”



LivingSidebySide® Workshop Professional Development for Teachers and Youth Workers

Make a difference in the classroom or youth center while earning Professional Development Re-Certification/Continuing Education credits.

As our society becomes more diverse, teachers, youth workers, and students are faced with various multi-ethnic, racial, and religious situations where misunderstandings and conflict may arise. LivingSidebySide® offers a series of training workshops for educators and youth workers that provide tools to increase effective communication, to promote positive adult-youth relationships, to diffuse prejudice, conflict, disrespect and stereotyping in the classroom or youth group, and to organize effective student-led community service.

Join Us!

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Friday, March 23, 2018

Lynchburg, Virginia

Workshop #1, “**Relationship Building Blocks**,” examines how self-awareness and empathy -- the ability to understand the experience and perspective of others – are fundamental to positive relationships. Participants gain insight into the effects of personal identity, values, cultural competency, and communication style on daily interactions. Specific methods, useful among teachers, youth workers, and with youths

- ease tension among diverse groups
- increase self-confidence and trust
- promote respectful relationships

The training is a highly interactive exploration of social and emotional skills. It includes group discussion, reflection, role-playing, and collaborative work. Workshop attendance is limited to allow for maximum participation.

Register today, space is limited! *Training is personally and professionally transformative – develop personal understanding of the lenses through which you and others see the world, and in the process become peace-builders in our classroom, our school, our community, and in ourselves.*

Register online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8SPY27J>

Date: March 23, 2018

Location: Riverviews Artspace, (conference room) 901 Jefferson Street, Lynchburg, Virginia

Fee: \$325 per person (discounted fee of \$295 for schools/organizations: for 4 or more participants)

Earn Professional Development Credit:

This training will provide you 5 points toward teacher re-certification in Virginia ¹

Shanti Thompson, Workshop Trainer, Vice President: Director of Training



Ms. Thompson has over 35 years' experience directing major initiatives, developing and delivering training programs in leadership, pluralism, conflict prevention and resolution, diversity and multicultural communication, and civic education. Ms. Thompson has authored three published training curricula and has directed projects in the U.S., Spain, Russia, and Ukraine. She has visited 31 different nations, and worked closely with adults, educators, and teens from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Israel and Palestine, Indonesia, Northern Ireland, South Africa, Russia and Ukraine.

About Legacy International & *LivingSidebySide*[®]

Developed and tested over three decades, *LivingSidebySide*[®] is a values-based curriculum and program focused on discovery of self-identity and respectful recognition of 'others', leadership development, civic engagement, gender equity, conflict prevention, program planning and implementation skills. It features manuals for teachers/facilitators and students, with custom training and certification services. It was implemented in 125 schools in New York City and 10 schools in the Kyrgyz Republic through a multi-tiered Training of Trainers with teachers and students.

¹ Domains of Professional Competency, Virginia License Renewal Manual, Virginia Department of Education, May 2, 2016, pp 3-4.1

LivingSidebySide® is Evidence-Based

Two international organizations, the **Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)** and the **International Institute for Impact Evaluation (3IE)** collaborated to conduct an external study of the LivingSidebySide® program in 2014. One conclusion is:

“Overall, the completed research is an extremely important contribution to social science disciplines that focus on peace building, conflict resolution and/or reconciliation. It is also of great relevance and importance for policy makers and peace education practitioners.”

[For more information and video comments, visit: www.legacyintl.org/livingsidebyside/](http://www.legacyintl.org/livingsidebyside/)



“I have thoroughly reviewed the LivingSidebySide® curriculum. It is so comprehensive and exactly what my teachers need to build respectful and effective communication with their students and their parents!”

– **Mary Riser, Retired Principal, James River Day School; 30 years with Independent Schools of Virginia**

“Having worked with and alongside Beacon programs and Settlement Houses in both San Francisco and New York City, I wish I had been able to bring in a program like LivingSideBySide®. The success it has had with young people and fostering tolerance and understanding would really have benefited my students.”

– **Shawn Brown, Youth Worker**



“(After the training) I worked with a group of teens that the school had labeled “the most difficult students.” At the end of the program, they said, “Is that all? We can stay for more.”

– **Svetlana Sarabryakova, Instructor, Santa Lingua School, Izhevsk, Russia**



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