

Facilitating Meetings with Ease

Toronto: March 30 & 31, 2020

We're all spending so much time in meetings and are being asked to achieve crucial goals that meeting process facilitation is fast becoming a core competency for anyone who's on a team, leads a task force, heads up a committee or manages a department. Whether you're new to facilitation or have years of experience, this workshop provides a unique opportunity to enhance your mastery of any group situation. Learn essential skills from certified, veteran trainers who have taught meeting facilitation skills for years. Experience a dynamic and totally interactive learning environment.

The Learning Opportunity:

- Gain a clear understanding of the roles, core values and behaviors of meeting facilitators
- Work with powerful process tools and techniques
- Develop your confidence in handling resistance and dysfunctional behaviors
- Receive personal feedback and coaching
- Practice new tools in a safe learning environment



Who Should Attend:

- Project managers – earn PDUs!
- Managers of any level who run meetings
- Professionals who need to increase buy-in and decrease resistance in group settings
- Six Sigma and Lean Professionals
- Internal Consultants
- Team Leaders
- Business Analysts

Workshop Agenda:

Module One - Introduction to Facilitation

- Roles, Beliefs and Purpose of a Facilitator
- The Five Core Facilitation Practices
- Balancing Process and Content
- The POP Technique
- Facilitation #1: Checking-In

Module Two - Introduction to Meeting Management

- Facilitation #2: Terrible Meetings
- Giving & Receiving Feedback
- Tips for Running Great Meetings
- Prep Tools and Exercises
- Start Tools and Techniques
- Facilitation #3: Setting Group Norms
- How Neutral do Facilitators have to be?

Module Three - Introduction to Decision Making Techniques

- Facilitation #4 and #5: Moving On Up!
- The Four Step Consensus Building Process
- Introduction to Creative Diverging Tools
- Facilitation #6: Diverging Exercise
- Introduction to Converging Tools
- Facilitation #7: Converging Exercise
- Tips For Ending Great Meetings
- Testing For Agreement and the Hallmarks of Consensus

Module Four - Introduction to Group Conflict Management

- Conflict Management Video: It's Our Space
- Facilitator Conflict Management Techniques
- Intervention Language Scenario Exercise and Rounds
- Conflict Fish Bowl Exercise (if time permits)

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Workshop Details



For almost 20 years, Facilitation First has been top of mind for those seeking training in process facilitation. Our *Facilitating Meetings with Ease* workshop has been honed by Ingrid Bens, author of the national bestselling books 'Facilitating with Ease' and 'Facilitation at a Glance!'. With thousands of participants rating the course an average 4.5 out of 5, we provide an experiential workshop that equips learners with simple yet powerful tools that they can apply in their next meeting.

What You'll Receive

You leave our workshop with the tools you need to combat wasted meeting resources. You get access to online customizable templates, a textbook filled with meeting designs and intervention techniques, and the personal feedback and coaching from participants and the trainer. Our certified trainers are 'facilitators first,' who bring this real-world experience to the classroom.

Dates: March 30 & 31, 2020

Location: 20 Bay Street, Suite 1100 Toronto, ON

Times: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Fee: \$1,395 + HST Book the next step of your training, [Facilitating Through Conflict](#) on June 10th or November 25th and save 10%!

Trainer: Kevin Quinn

To Register: E-mail carissa@facilitationfirst.com

What Some of our Clients Are Saying...

"This workshop was a carefully perfected blend of content, process and opportunities to practice in a safe and supportive environment that encouraged risk taking and reflection. Top shelf!"

Monica Wand, Vice Principal, York Region District School Board

"This training shocked, amazed and inspired me. After just two days, I feel equipped to bring operational improvements to my organization."

Joe Crampton, VP Product, BPS Resolver



About Your Trainer: Kevin Quinn

Kevin provides expert meeting facilitation, especially as a teacher and troubleshooter of these skills. His expertise includes teaching people on how to deal with difficult stakeholders, how to negotiate to get results and how to use creative problem solving with individuals & teams. He has mentored and taught business and thought leaders in the public and private sector in North America and the UK. Kevin has helped a wide range of business partners to navigate organizational challenges and improve their business results. He is the instructor of record at the City of Toronto's leadership development program and the Schulich School of Business Health Administration MBA program. He teaches extensively in the health care, banking and municipal government sectors.

Participants earn fourteen Professional Development Units through the Project Management Institute upon course completion (10 Leadership and 4 Strategic and Business Management). Facilitation First has been a Registered Education Provider since 2006 and our current Provider rating is 92.39% (average rating for all providers is 85.61%).

