

Creative Conversation 2008 Description and DRAFT Schedule
October 18, 10:00a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (location TBA)

The Animating Democracy: Arts & Civic Engagement workshop, held in June 2008 at the Skirball Cultural Center, captured the interest of emerging arts leaders who seek to expand upon the critical discussion of civic engagement through the arts. For its annual Creative Conversation, the Emerging Arts Leaders/ Los Angeles Network will host a workshop during which participants will discuss the topic with experts in the field (including seasoned arts administrators and practicing artists) and develop an action plan to stimulate arts-based civic participation and dialogue as it relates to their organization or extracurricular pursuits. Some areas of particular interest include art toward restorative justice, community-based public art and participatory theater.

9:45 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Registration

10:00 a.m. Introduction to EAL/LA network & AfTA Creative Conversation

10:10 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

- Icebreaker & facilitated discussion led by Cybele Garcia Kohel
- Identify key issues, stumbling blocks, etc.
- Possibly use groupings formed during icebreaker to dictate first breakout workshop session
- Meet in workshop groups and discuss issues (this will warm everyone up for the panel discussion)

11:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Panel Discussion (Potential Panelists: Sally Fairman, ED, Unusual Suspects, Edgar Arceneaux, artist and founder, Watt House Project, Laurie Woolery, Artistic Director, Cornerstone Theatre Co.)

11:45 p.m.-12:15 p.m. Q&A

12:15 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Networking Lunch

1:00 p.m. Revisit key issues & set action items

- EALs will work in groups
- Possible formation of hubs
- Develop concrete action items
- Share plans, solutions and approaches with the entire group (just 1/group)

1:50 pm. Close & fill out evaluations