



## Oregon Resilience Summit – Continued Conversations Bring the Event Home!

*Don't let conversation stop when the event ends!* Events can be energizing, informative, and inspiring, but sometimes we return home and think "well, now what?" This document aims to help you maintain momentum by providing next steps for conversations and actions – either community-wide or within your organization or team.

Seek out the connections you made at the Summit (and beyond) to help you work through these questions, if needed or desired.

Suggested takeaways and conversation starters came directly from panelists, survivors, and/or event co-hosts. Of course, do what works for *your* community and/or your organization – the hope is to either get a dialogue started or *keep the conversations going!*

*Also: Keep an eye on OregonResilience.com! We'll be adding prompts, resources, and suggested actions at the individual, organization, and community level along with event videos, shared stories, candid and curated resources from ALL the experts here today, and others. We are also working on a roster of community subject matter experts who are available for accessible and no- or low-cost individualized support - whose time is valued and pre-compensated by additional sponsors and supporters. We already have some early support for this and hope to grow it in the coming months. Stay tuned!*

### **PANEL: Better Together: The Power of Community Partnerships in Disaster Recovery**

Takeaway: Your community has more potential partners and assets than you may think!; Utilizing blue skies days to make connections and networks even stronger.

Continuing the Conversation:

- What existing partnerships will help us prepare for or recover from a disaster?
- What new partnerships could we build/strengthen?
- What is realistic to have in place before a disaster?
- How do we balance engaging local expertise with statewide and regional perspectives?

### **PANEL: Effective Outreach & Support for Priority Populations**

Takeaways: Insights into outreach challenges and reaching diverse populations; Characteristics of effective outreach approaches.

Continuing the Conversation:

- What community members are likely to be most negatively impacted by disaster in our area? Do we have a specific outreach plan for these frontline or priority populations?
- How can we shift existing outreach efforts at our organization to ensure equitable access to information and support?
- What opportunities do we have for engaging diverse voices in disaster planning?
- What steps should be taken now to ensure future disaster outreach efforts are effective and inclusive?

### **PANEL & AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Elevating Impacted Populations into the Decision Making Space**

Takeaways: Well-equipped CBOs can make this process much less messy and frustrating; Examples of how this inclusive approach is working across a variety of sectors.

Continuing the Conversation:

- How could a more inclusive approach that invites affected people into the process overcome obstacles in my community?
- What resistance might this project face in my community?
- What resources, relationships, or stakeholders might need to be engaged to overcome these obstacles?
- How can we effectively engage with legislators and government officials to not just stay apprised of the issues, but to be part of defining the problems and solutions?

### **PRESENTATION: Reflections from 2020 - Tough Conversations and the Recovery Road**

Takeaway: Finding power and strength in facing tough realities head on – and ahead of time; Unique needs of unincorporated communities.

Continuing the Conversation:

- What specific barriers and challenges would our community or organization face in a disaster?
- What are small steps we can take to prepare in advance for the administrative challenges that accompany disasters?
- What communities or organizations can we connect with to gain and/or share insights and lessons learned?
- Who might be some of the “community champions” in our area who are willing to serve in a liaison capacity, even if that work can get ugly and be frustrating.

### **KEYNOTE: Singing in the Dark: Embracing Care & Compassion**

Takeaway: How to embody care and compassion in times of crisis; Simple, accessible practices that can draw forth hope.

Continuing the Conversation:

- In what ways do we currently show compassion for one another in the workplace or community?
- Do you feel that there are support systems in place? In what ways could we improve compassion for one another within our organization or community?
- What small steps can we take now or soon to help build youth resilience to trauma or crisis?

### **WORKSHOP: The Healing Power of Story**

Takeaway: How personal stories can heal our relationships, our world, and ourselves.

Continuing the Conversation:

- How can sharing stories be incorporated into disaster recovery work in an impactful and non-intrusive way?
- Tell an example of a time when hearing someone's story changed your perception for the better.
- What connections or processes need to be put in place for effective communication in our community/workplace?

### **PANEL: LTRGs + COADs - Multi Sector Models of Partnership**

Takeaways: Recovery is possible with rapid response, unwavering community partner support, and foundation funding; Rural areas are harder to reach and take longer to recover.

Continuing the Conversation:

- What partnerships can we begin to foster that will help us prepare for or recover from a disaster in rural communities?
- Does my community have an existing LTRG or COAD? If it does, how could I get involved? If it does not, what organizations might be able to play this role?
- Should we consider a community meeting to discuss this? Who could host?
- How can local governments improve support for LTRG's and COAD's, since this work is so essential?

**PRESENTATION: Community Led Response & Recovery - The Unifying Factor of Food and a Model of Care and Respect**

Takeaway: Insights into relationship-based work and reaching people quickly and effectively; Using a trauma informed care approach across the disaster lifecycle.

Continuing the Conversation:

- What existing support organizations and systems are in place for local emergency food needs?
- What relationships or networks should be strengthened now to prepare for adequate food response during a potential disaster?
- How can we ensure we will reach all populations effectively and respectfully?
- Do we use trauma-informed approaches and what would that look like at our organization?

**PANEL: Oregon's Evolving Disaster Philanthropy**

Takeaway: Insights gained from three years of responsive funding; Initiatives reshaping disaster philanthropy in Oregon.

Continuing the Conversation:

- For community: What existing connections does our organization/community have with funders?
- Would our organization/community benefit from fund development capacity building to prepare for disaster?
- For funders: How can we change our funding practices to best support communities and organizations in times of disaster?
- What steps need to be taken now to ensure that we are prepared to respond to future emergencies equitably?
- Do any of the insights shared resonate with us and if so - how could we make them actionable?

**PANEL: It Takes a Village to Rebuild a Village: Exploring a Land Trust Model**

Takeaway: How locals in an unincorporated community stood up a community land trust to buy land for community benefit, build affordable workforce housing, and assist with community rebuilding.

Continuing the Conversation:

- Are there existing land trusts in our area? Existing workforce housing initiatives?
- Would a land trust be an option our community could explore?
- How can we learn from them and/or support them to prepare for a potential disaster - what can we do ahead of time?
- What assets exist in our community or organization that would help us collaborate effectively in the event of a disaster?

- What are some examples of collaborative and/or creative problem solving that have taken place in our organization or community?

**PRESENTATION & AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Empowerment through Everyday Resilience**

Takeaway: Ways to turn everyday objects into useful tools in emergency situations.

Replicate this activity during a community or staff meeting to share what you learned – help show others that preparedness does not have to be scary or out of reach!

Who am I going to give MY extra pack to?

**PRESENTATION: Accessible Childcare in Response, Recovery and in Creating Resilient Communities**

Takeaways: Caring for children during disasters supercharges recovery and makes communities more resilient; Practical steps toward making plans to care for children during disasters.

Continuing the Conversation:

- Is there a Childcare Annex or Standard Operating Procedures housed within our county's Emergency Operations Plan?
- Are there childcare professionals in our community who have been through trauma-informed training and are equipped to help kids process the toxic stress from a disaster?
- Are schools, emergency management professionals, behavioral health professionals, and youth-facing organizations all talking and communicating about roles and responsibilities before disasters hit?
- Who might be a good organization to host this conversation or series of conversations?
- Could we use this opportunity for a community meeting to also discuss or address other community needs so this feels doable and to bolster attendance?

**PANEL: Building Resilience in Oregon's Food Systems**

Takeaway: Food systems partners across Oregon help create more disaster resilient farms, ranches, fisheries, and food hubs.

Continuing the Conversation:

- What existing food systems partnerships will help us prepare for or recover from a disaster in our community?
- What resources do our local farmers, fishers and producers have access to in our community?

- Who from our community is part of the Oregon Food System Network?
- What new food systems partnerships could we build/strengthen?
- Who can we reach out to build more connections to food systems practitioners to incorporate local food systems disaster resilience into our work?

**SCREENING: “Tribal Hands on the Land” and**

**PANEL: Engaging Tribal Communities in Building Resilient Ecosystems**

Takeaways: Traditional ecocultural stewardship practices; Collaboration with tribes and tribal communities is setting the stage for the return of cultural fire and building more resilient ecosystems.

Continuing the Conversation:

- How can we learn more without burdening the tribes or extracting time or energy away from their own work? How can we balance and be mindful of that?
- How would our community or organization define ecological restoration / what does resilient ecosystems mean to us?
- What tribal partners can we collaborate with to learn more about cultural beneficial resources and/or ecological restoration?
- What are some early or first steps we can take to implement use of traditional ecocultural stewardship practices in our area?
- What are the priorities next st?

**CHARLA: El Manejo del Estrés en Tiempos de Incertidumbre**

Takeaways: Recognizing your own stress response and factors that influence it; Mindfulness activity for managing stress.

Continuing the Conversation:

- How do we know we are experiencing uncertainty?
- What inherent strengths do we share that can help us navigate stressful moments?
- How can we support ourselves and each other during moments of uncertainty?

**PRESENTATIONS: Land & Forest: Innovative Stewardship Approaches Across the State (Three Separate Briefings):**

**1. Harney County Wildfire Collaborative - Screening**

Takeaways: Fighting sprawling fires with trust; A platform to share input from diverse stakeholders and establish open channels of communication.

Continuing the Conversation:

- What organizations in our region communicate closely with diverse stakeholders and groups? Do any serve across a broad geographic area?
- How can we build trust proactively to help prepare for potential disasters?
- What communications channels should be put in place, improved, or shared to share “wins”?
- How do we get started if we have no relationships with state agencies?
- What will be helpful for our community in getting diverse and potentially divergent voices together at the table?

## **2. Ecological Regeneration & Affordable Housing**

Takeaway: Enabling an equitable economy rooted in ecological regeneration via collaboration and innovative approaches.

Continuing the Conversation:

- What innovative approaches or multi-sector collaborations exist in our community or organization?
- How do different social, economic, education, ecological and housing needs intersect in our community? How can this work in our favor/bring value and where may this add additional challenges?
- How can we better connect local organizations and efforts in order to leverage more capital and resources?

## **3. Making Forests a New Social Priority**

Takeaways: The value of engaging more people in the wildfire conversation; New and creative ways to engage the public in wildfire issues.

Continuing the Conversation:

- How can we engage a diversity of people with varying degrees of connectedness to these issues to come together - what is going to help get them all in the room together? (From the newbie to the veteran.)
- How can we engage more diverse voices in wildfire issues impacting our community?
- How can we inspire people to support sustainable forestry practices that mitigate the risk of catastrophic wildfire?
- What mission aligned partnerships can we develop to address the causes of catastrophic wildfire?

### **PRESENTATION: Public Health: Builders & Protectors of Resilience**

Takeaways: Two actions that will make you better prepared; A new appreciation for public health and its role in community resilience.

Continuing the Conversation:

- Who is in your network and who is missing? Is Public Health among them?
- If so, is there more to be explored there? If not, why not?
- Do you understand reasons why emergencies fall harder on some than others?

### **PRESENTATION: We Brought the Toolkit! How we Can Work Toward Faster Wildfire Recovery w a Special Focus on Water Infrastructure**

Takeaway: A call to action to implement recommendations from the wildfire recovery toolkits and support the development of Long-Term Recovery Plans for wildfire-impacted communities, especially around water.

Continuing the Conversation:

- Water is essential for life! How can we use this to energize and engage a spectrum of people?
- Who has lines of sight to the water infrastructure in our community and how can we expand this roster?
- Who in our community could lead or champion this work?
- How can we support legislative action for more resources for disaster recovery?

### **PRESENTATION: Community Based Organizations Centering Wellness in the Disaster Sector**

Takeaways: Expanding understanding of staff wellness within the context of historical and cultural contexts; Multiple pathways to address burnout in our network's affinity space.

Continuing the Conversation:

- What is my relationship to wellness?
- How does my organization define wellness?
- How does my organization and social network cultivate a culture of wellness that centers the lived experience of its staff and community?
- How can wellness help us navigate disaster response and recovery, especially longer-term recovery and sustained efforts?



**PANEL: Identifying the Key Takeaways from Destructive Fires; Becoming Fire Safe People through Home & Community Mitigations that Matter**

Takeaways: Identifying key factors in the Labor Day fires; Reducing the risk of a home igniting in a fast moving fire.

Continuing the Conversation:

- How safe do you think our community/organization is from wildfire?
- What small steps now do you see that can be taken to improve resilience?
- What workshops or trainings can we hold locally to improve fire knowledge and preparedness?
- What organizations locally might help host these conversations and trainings?

**PRESENTATION: Legislative Updates: What to Watch and Effective Engagement with Legislators**

Takeaway: Learning what relevant legislation is forthcoming or underway; learning how to effectively connect with legislators.

Continuing the Conversation:

- How do I find out more about relevant legislation that affects my organization or my community?
- How can we connect with legislators in effective ways, especially if resources and time are limited?
- How do we break through the noise, even if we don't have a professional lobbyist or do not have experience with legislative matters?

**PRESENTATION: Advocacy & Engagement**

Continuing the Conversation:

- How can we as community members better engage with our local government?
- How can they better engage with us?
- What are our community's biggest advocacy needs in order to be better prepared for a disaster?
- For funders: How can we better advocate for small communities and organizations to ensure their capacity needs are being considered by the state and federal government?

## **PRESENTATIONS Resource Roundup: Federal Resources (Three Separate Briefings):**

### **1. Distribution & Management of CDBG-DR Program**

Takeaway: Understanding how CDBG-DR provides funding for unmet needs after FEMA, insurance, and other funds are exhausted.

Continuing the Conversation:

- Is our state effectively and efficiently utilizing its CDBG-DR award?
- What are some areas where greater understanding may be needed - at any level: agency, individual, community, partners, etc.
- How do other communities use their CDBG-DR grants and how has this differed or be the same as how Oregon is operating? Of course every disaster is different but are there any changes that should or could be made?
- It seems like the Action Plan is set in stone. If it is not working for us, though, can this be changed?
- Where should community organizations, funders and others direct their questions about CDBG-DR?
- How can we help collect the data needed to amend or update Action Plans, if that is even possible.

### **2. Learning More: FEMA Hazard Mitigation Program**

Takeaway: A better understanding of the Hazard Mitigation process and how to apply for HMGP Grants.

Continuing the Conversation:

- What natural hazards/disasters do we need to plan to mitigate against?
- What steps do we need to take to prepare for the next wildfire - defensible space, ignition resistant construction, hazardous fuels reduction?
- How can we engage our community to assist in wildfire preparedness?

### **3. Investing in Infrastructure and Innovation for Resilient Rural Communities**

Takeaway: Steps and resources to scale rural projects; cross-sector collaboration to leverage investments.

Continuing the Conversation:

- What infrastructure need do you see as most important to build local resiliency?
- What barriers does our community or organization face in implementing large-scale projects?
- What steps can be taken - internally or externally - to increase our access to large federal grants?