

Forging Connections Through Audience-centered Experiences (ACE)

This new flagship course from the Interpretive Development Program provides a core learning experience based in the newly revised *Foundations of Interpretation* competencies. In this week-long class, participants will learn and practice critical skills for planning and facilitating all kinds of audience-centered experiences.

The class includes an introduction to facilitated dialogue, along with ways to incorporate audience-centered techniques and strategies into new and existing programming and media. This is an important foundational class for all new and experienced interpreters and educators. Register in DOI Learn.

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| Class location: | Mather Training Center, Harpers Ferry, WV |
| Cost: | No tuition – travel paid by park benefitting account |
| Registration: | DOI Learn (links in Common Learning Portal) |
| Dates: | December 12-16, 2016 January 30-February 3, 2017 May 1-5, 2017 June 12-16, 2017 |
| More Information: | Visit the Common Learning Portal (NPS Network Access Required) |

Audience-centered Experiences – Train-the-Trainer

This version of the Forging Connections class will help equip those who provide seasonal training in their parks. Participants will practice developing and presenting training sessions in which they teach and model audience-centered skills and *Foundations of Interpretation* competencies. Pre-requisite for this class is completion of the Forging Connections class or a previous class in facilitated dialogue or dialogue train-the-trainer.

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| Registration: | in DOI Learn (link in Common Learning Portal) |
| Dates: | March 27-31, 2017 |
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Limited travel grant assistance may be available for the classes above.
For additional information contact john_rudy@nps.gov

Specialized Skill-building in Facilitated Dialogue

This course offers a specialized skill building opportunity for your staff, presented by the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience (ICSC), a worldwide network of over 200 sites of memory dedicated to transforming places that preserve the past into spaces that promote civic action.

This class is recommended for those parks whose employees have had an introduction to audience-centered experiences and are ready for a deeper dive into facilitated dialogue programming. The Sites of Conscience has partnered with the NPS Interpretive Development Program to provide dialogue training since 2012. Instructors from the ICSC will come to your park and work with you to tailor the training for your site in the following ways:

- Help your park connect past to present and move audiences from memory to action, through specific strategies that lay a foundation for broad and lasting impact
- Provide instruction in an intentional, structured process that allows visitors to interact with site content and with one another in profound new ways
- Training can be personalized to include sessions on: using dialogue in informal interpretation, engaging with youth and multi-generational audiences, navigating conflict, engaging leadership and front line staff in embracing change, integrating dialogue into communications and social media strategies
- Site-specific approaches to support the park with program design and skills assessment

Training Cost: 3-Day Course -- \$6,000

Cost covers course planning, instruction, instructor travel, and instructional materials provided by ICSC. Parks must designate a staff member as course coordinator/POC to work with ICSC.

Financial assistance to host this training at your park is available from the Interpretive Development Program. Please complete [the Host Park Training Grants Request Form](#). If your park is able to meet the criteria for a host park (see Request form), the IDP will fund \$3000 (half the cost) of bringing this training to your park.

For more information on the course, please contact Sarah Pharaon at spharaon@sitesofconscience.org. To learn more about the ICSC's Dialogue Curriculum, visit www.sitesofconscience.org. Also, see a [sample agenda for this curriculum](#).