

What is the Interpreter Co-op and who are we?

We are a small group of committed, passionate, ethical, socially conscience, sign language interpreters who wish to develop a community of like-minded professionals. Instead of “going it alone” we desire to connect meaningfully with other interpreters to engage in constructive dialogue about the work that we do. We will connect online and meet in person every other month to create a forum where we can gather to discuss the cultural, psychological, sociological and political impact of our work. This community will seek to expand the dialogue on these critical issues in our field and apply best practices related to ethical decision making in our daily work. On a larger scale, we wish to closely examine the interpreter culture here in Michigan and identify ways we can make a positive impact both as individuals and collectively.

The Interpreter Co-op Statement of Purpose:

The Interpreter Co-op seeks to provide a strength based, solution based forum to discuss current best practices and challenges we face as professional sign language interpreters, analyzing our impact and intersection with the Deaf and hearing community.

If this resonates with you, come join us as we create a community of interpreters dedicated to excellence in our field.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The cost for this workshop is free! An additional fee of \$5 will be charged for those requesting RID CEUs. Cash only. The registration deadline is Feb 19th. Once fees are paid, they will not be refunded. If you will need accommodations at this meeting, please notify one of the presenters by Feb 1, 2010. To register please send an email to: christa.moran@gmail.com

The Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth-Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns-Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing is an Approved RID CMP Sponsor for Continuing Education Activities. This professional studies program is offered for 0.2 CEU's at the advanced level to CMP/ACET participants. Partial CEUs will not be awarded for this event. BEI units are pending.

Meeting Date : Saturday, February 27, 2010

Meeting Time: 9:00am- 12:00pm

Location: UMHS Interpreter Services
2025 Traverwood Dr., Suite A4
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

During this meeting participants will:

- Learn the elements necessary to deconstruct interpreting work so that one can discuss those elements with other interpreters while maintaining confidentiality.
- Learn how to apply the deconstruction process to real-world situations.
- Discuss the ways our interpreting work most commonly affects stakeholders.
- Discuss the ways we can most effectively mitigate these effects.
- Engage in policy analysis of current best practice documents.

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