

The Interpreter Co-op of Michigan

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.

Date : Saturday, Oct 30, 2010

Time: 9:00am- 12:00pm

Location: UM, Interpreter Services

During this gathering participants will:

- Discuss methods to engage in ethical boundary dialogue with peers.
- Evaluate 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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The cost for this is free! An additional fee of \$5 will be charged for those requesting RID CEUs. Cash only. The registration deadline is Oct 15th. Once fees are paid, they will not be refunded. If you will need accommodations at this meeting, please notify the presenter by Oct 8, 2010. To register please send an email to: pertz@msu.edu. Registration will be limited, so please RSVP early. Madonna University is an Approved RID CMP Sponsor for Continuing Education Activities. Participants will earn 0.2 PS CEU's; no partial CEU's will be awarded. Participants will receive a certificate of attendance upon completion of the gathering.

