



# OREGON PROGRAM EVALUATORS NETWORK

October 2023 Newsletter

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## LOGO Survey Updates

To ensure OPEN branding speaks to the heart of its people, we invited OPEN members to participate in a survey. Fifteen (15) members responded to the survey. The results indicated that 69.2% of participants prefer the logo below. The Growth & Development Committee will consider the additional design feedback provided by survey participants and present new options soon as a final step in finalizing logo revision requests.



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## OPEN Events

Due to member demand, the OPEN Council has developed an organized and efficient way to better support members' desire to expand their professional knowledge and network with like-minded individuals.

The Council encouraged members to create and host hands-on events, in-person or virtual seminars, workshops, visiting lectures, panel discussions, and interactive activities that promote OPEN's organizational goals and values.

Thus, we've developed a more formal process for this objective. Please review the application and policies listed below.

OPEN is excited to provide members with ongoing practical ways to teach and present meaningful work while promoting awareness and opportunities for continued learning regarding program evaluation!

OPEN In-person and Virtual Events/Sessions:

*Honorarium proposals (Volunteer)*

- *Have adequate knowledge and expertise in the subject area.*
- *Offer innovative and compelling thoughtful content consistent with OPEN's values.*
- *Possess sufficient presentation skills to communicate effectively.*
- *Conscious of time/length limitations for sessions and individual presentations.*
- *Agree to comply with a professional standard of conduct and sections outlined in policies [PP-001](#) and [PP-002](#).*

**OPEN Goal:** To effectively and responsibly expand the knowledge of assessment and the diversity amongst program evaluators in the Northwest.

### **OPEN Forms**

[Presenter & Host Application](#)

[Compensation Policy](#) (PP-002)

[Presenter Policy](#) (PP-001)

If you have any questions, please email us at [OPEN!](#)

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### **FALL NETWORKING EVENT!**

**When:** Thursday, October 19, 2023

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**Time:** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PDT)

**Location:** McMenamens Kennedy School, **Library Room**  
5736 N.E. 33rd Ave. Portland, OR, 97211

Join us for a fall networking event with program evaluators from various sectors and organizations. This is a great opportunity to connect with peers, share best practices, and learn from each other's experiences. Whether you are a seasoned evaluator, a newcomer to the field, or just curious about program evaluation, you are welcome to attend this informal and friendly event. We hope to see you there! Refreshments will be provided.

To ensure our catering is on point, kindly RSVP by no later than **Friday, October 6.**

Have questions or need more details? Reach out to the Chari Smith at [chari@evaluationintoaction.com](mailto:chari@evaluationintoaction.com)

Mark your calendar, spread the word, and gear up for an evening of networking brilliance. See you there!

**[Register Here!](#)**

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### **OPEN's Visiting Author Session**

#### **System Evaluation Theory: A blueprint for evaluating complex interventions operating and functioning as systems**

**When:** Thursday, November 16, 2023

**Time:** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (PDT)

**Location:** Virtual

*"Knowing why and when a systems approach is better for evaluating complex interventions"*

**Ralph Renger, Systems and Program Evaluators  
Just Evaluation Services, LLC**

How do you know when to use a systems approach or a traditional theory-driven approach to evaluation (TDE)? The level of intervention complexity plays a key role in this decision. In this webinar, participants will be shown how a traditional TDE approach using logic models is appropriate for interventions with a linear program theory derived from reductionist research. However, participants will also learn why applying this same approach is inadequate for evaluating interventions whose design is based on a holistic worldview. Participants will be encouraged to step out of their comfort zone to acquire the system thinking skills needed for evaluating holistically designed, complex interventions. They will also be provided a brief overview of System Evaluation Theory (SET) as one framework for helping them embark on their systems evaluation journey. Time will be allotted for participants to engage in a Q&A with the presenter.

**[Register Here!](#)**

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### **AEA 2024: Prepare, Set, Submit!**

**When:** Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024

**Time:** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (PDT)

**Location:** Virtual

Join Kim Leonard and Sheila B. Robinson for an engaging virtual information session where you can learn the ins and outs of submitting one or even two session

session, where you can learn the ins and outs of submitting one or even two session proposals for AEA 2024. With over a decade of experience presenting at AEA conferences, Kim & Sheila have skillfully led various session types, including highly successful pre-conference workshops. In this session, you will receive a comprehensive overview of the proposal submission process, along with invaluable advice for achieving success. We will also be available to address your questions and direct you to supplementary resources.

Have questions or need more details? Reach out to the Chari Smith at [chari@evaluationintoaction.com](mailto:chari@evaluationintoaction.com)

***[Register Here!](#)***

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**OPEN DEIJ Learning Series:**

Calling all OPEN members to submit proposals to host DEIJ series from fall 2023. Please reach out to the OPEN council members if you plan to host DEIJ series.

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## Upcoming Affiliate Events & Other Opportunities

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### Expanding your frame

The recently expanded [Equitable Evaluation Framework™](#) (EEF) offers ways of being, thinking, and doing evaluation differently. Along with foundations as early practice partners, the expanded EEF invites consultants, nonprofits, and other partners into this change process. The EEF offers many entry points and includes: a set of principles as foundational guideposts; orthodoxies to be challenged; tensions to be navigated; sticking points to be moved through; and mindsets to be shifted toward. Its accompanying questions can be helpful in day to day practice and reimagining what might be possible. ([Downloadable PDF](#))

Thank you to OPEN Member Kim Leonard for sharing this information!

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### Join AEA for Evaluation 2023: The Power of Story

[Evaluation 2023](#) registration is now open! The American Evaluation Association is excited to bring thousands of evaluators together at this year's conference, happening **October 9-14, 2023** in Indianapolis, IN.

Join a global community of peers for several days of skill-building, idea sharing, networking and more. The event will feature 300+ top-notch sessions over the course of the week.

#### Local Affiliate Collaborative (LAC) @ AEA 2023 Conference

- [Building Support for Evaluators through Local Affiliates of AEA](#)

Thursday, October 12, 2023 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM ET Location: Room 309/310

- [How to connect your TIG or Affiliate by telling your story: A round table session about the IC Topic Chats](#)

Thursday, October 12, 2023 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM ET Location: White River Ballroom B

- [Networking Sessions/Happy Hours LAC Breakfast](#)

Wake up early to connect with other affiliates over an Indy500-themed breakfast (free of charge).

**When:** Fri, October 13, 7-8am ET

**Where:** JW Marriott Room 209 (Indianapolis)

**Please fill out one [RSVP form](#) per participating affiliate member, for a max of 2 attendees per affiliate.**

RSVP by WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, so we can ensure there's enough food for everyone.

To learn more about these events:

- [localaffiliates@protonmail.com](mailto:localaffiliates@protonmail.com) (breakfast & happy hour)
  - [npenney05@gmail.com](mailto:npenney05@gmail.com) (lunch)
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## From the Job Board (July & August Jobs, RFPs, & Internships)

Know of an evaluation-related job listing, RFP, or internship opportunity that would be of interest to the OPEN community? As an *OPEN member*, you can share opportunities directly to the [Job Board](#) -- and you can also "subscribe" to each month's job thread to learn about opportunities when they're posted!

- **Developmental Evaluator: City of Portland Safer Summers Program, Portland, OR, United States**

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### Call for Council Members & Presenters

Do you want to help make OPEN a vibrant community? We need your help! We're looking for 2023 council members, event presenters and ideas, blog posts, resources, and more. We have opportunities for every level of skill and availability, and we're here to help you brainstorm how you can help!

Reach out today!

### Join or Renew Your Membership!

Are you a friend of OPEN and looking to become more involved? We would love to see you again!

Join or renew your membership!

You are receiving this email because you are a friend or member of OPEN. Visit the [OPEN website](#) to learn about all the ways to become involved!

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