



SERVICE LEARNING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION

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TURNING THE LOST INTO FOUND: A PROJECT MANAGER'S JOURNEY WITH SEARCH AND RESCUE

ABSTRACT:

Join Bruce as he presents how he worked with a small group of organizational leaders to facilitate improved productivity in areas such as grant seeking and financial reporting through the application of basic project management and team building methods. This is all done with the idea of navigating the potential pitfalls of volunteers with varying levels of power and motivation. Bruce will share successes, failures, and goals for continual improvement within the organization.

THEMATIC FOCUS:

Blockage and Clearance: Physical, infrastructural, financial, or organizational barriers or portals to community engagement.

BIO:

Bruce Tankleff is a happily retired program manager living in the Houston metropolitan area. In his retirement, Bruce is honored to serve as an Adjunct Lecturer at the University of Houston – Downtown's Marilyn Davies College of Business. He holds both a BBA (Information Systems) and an MBA from New Mexico State University's College of Business. He also holds PMI's PMP and PMI-ACP certifications.

An inveterate volunteer, Bruce is a member of the Montgomery County Search and Rescue (MOCSAR) team. He is also a volunteer with the Montgomery County Medical Reserve Corps, and is currently working towards his EMT certification.

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