**2018 *Strengthening Your Facilitation Skills* Trainings**

***Virginians are overcoming frustrating group meetings and discovering how to build a discussion process that leads to productive conversations and decision-making.***

***Become one of these agents of change . . .***

***Complete the Strengthening Your Facilitations Skills training!***

“Organizations and community leaders want to know how to facilitate discussions that result in clear direction but struggle with where to begin” according Martha Walker, community viability specialist with Virginia Cooperative Extension.

During the Strengthening Your Facilitation Skills training, participants practice newly learned facilitation skills in an experiential setting, observe facilitation challenges, and identify practices that will prepare each person to develop and guide the facilitation process.  Those who completed the program reported that after participation, “you will feel more comfortable planning and leading meetings.”

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|  ***You are invited to select one of the following sessions:*** |
| **Galax:  Tuesday and Wednesday,** **March 13 - 14 , 2018****Crossroads Institute****1117 E Stuart Drive; Galax, VA 24333** |
| **Richmond:  Thursday and Friday, May 3-4, 2018****Virginia Tech Richmond Center****2810 N Parham Road—3rd Floor; Richmond, VA 23294**  |
| **Norfolk:  Wednesday and Thursday,** **August 22 & 23, 2018****Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore** **Happy Café** **800 Tidewater Drive; Norfolk, VA  23504** |
| **Warrenton:  Wednesday and Thursday, September 12 and 13, 2018****Center for Nonprofit Excellence—Warrenton Training****98 Alexandria Pike, Suite 21; Warrenton, VA 20186** |

**Training schedule:  Day 1 begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. and Day 2 begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m.**

**Your investment is $115 for the two day training and**

**includes all training materials and lunch on both days.**

**To Register:**

**Visit  <https://tinyurl.com/2018SYFS>**

**and complete the registration and payment process.**

· Each participant receives a resource notebook and lunch is provided on both training days.

· Registrations fees must be paid at the time of registration.

· No refunds will be offered after the registration deadline (one week prior to the training).

***Registration deadline is one week prior to the training date.***

For questions or to obtain additional information, please

**contact Dr. Martha A. Walker, at 434.766.6761 or** **walker53@vt.edu**

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity,

please contact Martha Walker, Central District Office, at 434-766-6761 during business hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations at least 5 days prior to the event.

\*TDD number is (800) 828-1120.

