



## Back in the Saddle Blazing New Trails with Positive Deviance and The Trailblazer Posse

**Who:** Ontario Trailblazer Alumni

**What:** Back in the Saddle Blazing New Trails with Positive Deviance and The Trailblazer Posse

**When:** Tuesday, September 15 8:30am – 3:30 pm

**Where:** North York General Hospital, Classroom B

**Cost:** There is no cost to attend if you are registered into the Trailblazer Alumni program. Only those currently enrolled in the 2009/10 Alumni program are eligible to attend this workshop. For details regarding enrollment please go to [www.qhn.ca](http://www.qhn.ca).

**Description:** This will be the first of many opportunities for you as Trailblazer Alumni to network and learn from each other. This will be combined with an opportunity for you to both connect with your colleagues and a lively session that introduces Positive Deviance (PD) as an innovative process in healthcare. You will learn about the PD process, how it is working and what some of the specific tools and practices are that Positive Deviance relies upon to make a difference in each setting.

For the networking and learning part of the session, we invite you to bring one challenge you are currently facing and be ready to sit down with colleagues to find new ways forward together by tapping into the rich range of experience and knowledge you and your colleagues bring to the corral. This will be the first of many opportunities for you as Alumni to network and learn from each other.

**What Can You Expect to Accomplish:** Here is what you can expect to have accomplished by the end of the day:

■ You will have leveraged the experience of the Ontario Trailblazer Network to get help and move ahead on a current work challenge you are facing

■ You will understand the Positive Deviance process and its application as a change process in healthcare

■ You will be enticed to explore more about network weaving and network mapping as a complementary process related to PD that can contribute to qualitative data analysis and build healthy networks.

■ You will have had such a good time learning that at least some of you will declare you are ready to blaze a new trail and try some aspect of the work in your own organization.

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**About The Facilitator:** Liz Rykert, President Meta Strategies ([www.metastrategies.com](http://www.metastrategies.com))

Liz Rykert founded Meta Strategies in 1997. She began her career as a social worker, working in community development and prevention. Her interest in finding new approaches to support and engage the changing communities around her led to the early use of technology for collaboration, activism and citizen engagement. In an effort to find a theoretical basis for her approaches, Liz became a student of complexity science in 1994.

Liz is the co-author of *Working Together Online*, a book designed to train people in the skills of online facilitation and engagement. She has mentored over 25 people in the role of online animator helping them to successfully weave the online venues with day to day work of their organizations. She worked with the Privy Council Office of the federal government to establish a set of guidelines to support federal departments to incorporate online engagement of the public in policy development work. Her consulting practice focuses on assisting organizations identify and implement change related to both technology and leadership that favours a collaborative emergent style.



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**Ontario Trailblazer Alumni Session**

**Registration Form**

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