

Bios of Guest Presenters for August 10 Webinar Conflict Prevention and Resolution

Linda Newell

As a certified Senior Professional in Human Resources, Senator Linda Newell has been facilitating, coaching, and teaching conflict transformation for 20 years. As a former state Senator, mother, divorcee, and a political organizer since she was young, she is certainly familiar with conflict.

In 2017, Senator Newell termed out of the Colorado State Senate after eight years of public service where she made history being elected as the first Democrat to serve in her purple seat. Called “the conscience of the Capitol,” she led alternative dispute resolution and restorative justice policies at the Capitol. In her last year, she produced, *The Last Bill, a Senator’s Story*, a documentary about the state legislative process from an insider’s view.

Now, Linda is a speaker, facilitator, writer, producer, and co-host of the KGNU conflict resolution radio show. With a master’s degree in Social Justice and Ethics from Iliff School of Theology, her work includes restorative practices and interfaith chaplaincy with a trauma-informed, socially just lens. For more info: www.lindanewell.org, www.senlindanewell.com, or senlindanewell@gmail.com

Mary Zinn (She/Her)

Mary Zinn, co-producer of the podcast *Well, That Went Sideways!*, is president of Zinn Mediation Associates. She has 30 years of experience in Dispute Resolution as a practitioner, trainer, administrator, and curriculum designer.

Mary was a leader of the Conflict Resolution Month in Colorado campaign (every October) for 15 years and co-produced a radio program on Conflict Resolution at KGNU, Boulder. She envisioned and funded *Talking It Out: Getting to Agreement*, a unique photo exhibit that highlights stories of Coloradans working together to solve challenging problems which can be seen at [Book our Photo Exhibit](#).

Mary taught communications skill-building for Palestinian, Israeli, and American teens with *Seeking Common Ground* (now *Building Bridges*) [Building Bridges: Home](#). She was a founder of the Colorado Foothills World Affairs Council. [Colorado Foothills World Affairs Council](#).

Mary was a long-time and enthusiastic Jeffco Dem. In 2019, she moved west and now works, hikes, and prioritizes time to play with grandchildren in Sammamish, WA.

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