



HSC WORKSHOP SERIES

A Program of the Human Services Coalition



Empathy and Listening

with Sue Mann

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Fee \$70, includes light refreshments

REGISTER ONLINE at www.hsctc.org/workshops

**Borg Warner Conference Room, Tompkins County Public Library,
E. Green St. at S. Cayuga St., Ithaca ([driving and access directions below](#))
Presented by the Human Services Coalition
Co-sponsored by the Tompkins County Public Library**

The secret of good communication is active listening. But how exactly are you supposed to do that?

Empathy is praised as a “must-have” skill to foster productive client-facing work and interpersonal team work. But there is a lot of mystery around what exactly empathy is – and how to develop it. Yes, some of us are more naturally empathetic than others, but empathy itself is a set of listening and communications skills that *anyone* can learn. And those skills will lead to powerful shifts in conversations that can lead to transformative change.

In this hands-on workshop, you will learn and practice the exact same listening and empathy skills that top-tier executive coaches use.

In this session you will learn:

1. The difference between sympathy and empathy and why it matters
2. The attributes of empathy and how to put them into practice right away
3. The three levels of listening and when and how to use each of them
4. How to show – not tell – people that you’ve really heard and understood them – leading to powerful shifts in conversations
5. How to ask those big, empowering questions that really unlock solutions and strategies for sustainable and transformative change

About the Presenter

Sue Mann, of Sansu Rising Coaching, is a Board-Certified Coach focused on helping professionals who feel stuck in a toxic environment or who experience workplace bullying to navigate confidently and effectively. Her approach is deeply informed by Brené Brown’s research, and, in particular, Dare to Lead. Sue’s 25-year career has spanned continents, roles and industries. Previously she has been a diplomat, consultant, project manager, banker, manufacturer, and entrepreneur. Sue has an MBA and MMH from Cornell University.

Registration and Payment

Register online at www.hsctc.org/workshops. If you are unable to register and pay online please call 607-273-8686 or email registration@hsctc.org.

Cancellation Policy

All registration sales are final - we are unable to refund or transfer fees onto a different workshop for missed sessions. At times a workshop may be cancelled due to inclement weather or other issues. If this occurs, we will post the cancellation on our website: www.hsctc.org/workshops, email all registered participants, and refund any prepaid fees. If you plan to walk-in, please check our website for the most up-to-date information prior to attending.

Scholarships

Limited scholarships are available to agencies whose non-profit board and staff members cannot attend without one. To request a scholarship, email: registration@hsctc.org in advance of the workshop.

Snacks

Coffee, other drinks, and snacks are provided at all workshops; lunch is not provided. Attendees at sessions in the Borg Warner Room may leave and eat lunch on the beautiful Ithaca Commons.

Special Needs

Please notify us if you have any special needs; the Coalition wishes to make its workshops accessible to everyone.

For the comfort of everyone, HSC workshops are fragrance free. We appreciate your cooperation.

Driving and access

The Library is located in downtown Ithaca on the corner of East Green and South Cayuga Streets.

Directions for accessing the Library

The Library does not open its Main door until 9:30 am, please go to the northeast corner of the building opposite the TCAT Green Street Station, turn right and enter at the door on the right under the green canopy. The Borg Warner room is immediately on your right.

Driving Directions

From North or South on Rt. 13 or 34: Proceed to Green Street in downtown Ithaca. Turn East (toward Cornell and downtown) on Green Street. Proceed approximately six blocks to Cayuga St, take a right turn and proceed as below.

From South on Rt. 96b: Proceed down hill on Aurora Street to East Clinton Street.

Turn left and proceed to Cayuga Street. Turn right on Cayuga Street and proceed as below.

From East on Rt. 79 or 366: Proceed to downtown on State St hill and veer right onto Seneca St at the bottom of the hill. Stay in the left lane of Seneca St until you come to Cayuga St. Turn left on Cayuga St and proceed as below.

From West on Rt. 79, 96 or 89: Proceed east to Fulton St. Turn right on Fulton St and stay in the left lane. Turn left on Green St and proceed about seven blocks to Cayuga Street. Turn right and proceed as below.

From all directions: Park in the Cayuga St. parking garage behind the Library and across from the Hotel Ithaca, or in the Green St. garage (entrance is past the "Pay and Display" and after the Cinemapolis sign on the left) diagonally across from the Library. Please note that "Pay and Display" parking is an option but the cost is twice that of the Green St. or Cayuga St. garages. The Library does not open the main door until 9:30 am, so go to the northeast corner of the Library building next to the TCAT Green Street Station, turn right and enter at the door on the right under the green canopy. The Borg Warner room is immediately on your right.

Accessible Parking

We recommend parking on the first floor (it's actually the second floor of the structure) of the Green Street parking garage near the lime green wall labeled "Green Street." There is an elevator that will take you down to the ground floor which outlets at the crosswalk on Green Street. Cross the street, turn right and it's a short distance to the northeast corner of the library, next TCAT's Green Street Station. Enter at the door under the green canopy. The Borg Warner room is immediately on your right. If the accessible parking spots are taken near the elevator you can also go one floor up and there are more spaces next to the elevator on the roof.

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