

SRV and Additional Perspectives that are Central to Good Service

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Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2026

Time: 10:00 am - 5:15 pm (registration at 9:30 am)

Location: North York Central Library, 5120 Yonge St., North York, ON

Workshop Description

As Social Role Valorization (SRV) teaching and writing emphasizes, people who want to implement SRV must draw on beliefs, values, and ideologies that go beyond SRV--that are much deeper than SRV. One body of thought that is a rich source of ideas that can provide motive and guidance for implementing SRV is called "Personalism". It was very influential to Dr. Wolf Wolfensberger, who formulated SRV. This workshop will explore the possible intersection of Personalism and SRV in several areas. In each area, we will look at what can be drawn from SRV but also what goes beyond (and outside) the scope of SRV. This workshop is designed for people who have knowledge of SRV through a one-day or longer workshop on SRV.

Presenter

Susan Thomas is the long-time Training Coordinator at the Training Institute for Human Service Planning, Leadership, and Change Agency at Syracuse University. The Institute was founded by the service leader and reformer Dr. Wolf Wolfensberger in 1973, and headed by him until his death in 2011. Ms. Thomas worked with him for almost all those years, and is now carrying on much of his teaching.

Tuition

Cost of tuition is \$200

Note: upon registration you will be sent a confirmation email with location, parking, transit, lunch and additional workshop details. Please ensure your email address is correct.

Topics

- Introduction
- Brief recapitulation of the major premises of SRV, especially its empirical nature and the implications thereof, and how and why Personalism can be useful in conjunction with it
- Brief introduction to the philosophy of Personalism and its major themes or tenets
- How the themes of Personalism can be connected to or uphold the implementation of SRV
- How to learn more about Personalism, and conclusion

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