Are Nonprofits Obsolete?

In an age of social entrepreneurs and social enterprises, why do we need traditional nonprofit organizations? Are they unwieldy, ineffective, and allergic to change? Or, do they still have ways to surprise us?

If you are a student or faculty member who is interested in an engaging discussion about understanding the challenges of the new nonprofit environment, please join us to hear a practitioner and thinker in nonprofit management answer these questions and discuss,

• Overcoming the challenges of new organizations entering an existing eco-system
• Navigating the perception and reality of competing for scarce funding sources
• Healing the sometimes uneasy relationship between nonprofits and social entrepreneurs
• Ensuring alignment between funding sources and mission
• Maximizing the impact of a board

About Nzinga Misgana:
Nzinga Misgana is a management consultant with more than 25 years of experience in the nonprofit sector. She was the founding director of New Roots Providence, which provided training, grants, and technical assistance to hundreds of faith and community-based organizations throughout Rhode Island. In recognition of her work as program director at New Roots, Nzinga received the Tom Anton Award from The Providence Plan.

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