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Local News and Events

1. Burgard High School has an immediate need for tutors to assist their students in all academic areas, especially math and science. Tutors are needed from 3:45 – 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, please contact Mary Ross at 816-4450 or meross@buffaloschools.org.
2. Two free workshops will be offered on March 24th as part of NYCON's [State Board Training Consortium](#). "Strategic Planning: Setting the Course for a Successful Future" will be from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and "Fund Development for Nonprofit Boards" will be from 1 – 4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Buffalo-Amherst Hotel. For more information, call 800-515-5012 ext 126.
3. The United Way of Buffalo and Erie County's Agency Executives Association will be holding a workshop on "Reality Based Collaborations" on March 29 from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. at the United Way. To attend, please contact Gail Calisto at 887-2776 or gail.calisto@uwbec.org by March 24, 2011.
4. "[Be the Change.](#)" the WNY Student Leadership Conference 2011, will be April 2 at Medaille College. This conference is open to any undergraduate or graduate student in WNY. Registration is \$10-\$15.
5. Gerard Place is holding a workshop on "Optimizing Board Effectiveness: The Benefits and Perils of Engaging Community Advisors" on April 6 from 6:30 – 9 p.m. at St. Leo the Great Parish. Registration is \$15. Call 897-9948 ext. 101 for more information.

National Conferences and Workshops

1. "[Trend or Tipping Point: Arts and Social Change Grantmaking.](#)" a webinar, will be March 21, 2011 from 2:00 – 3 p.m. This webinar will feature a discussion on a new report released by Americans for the Arts Animating Democracy program that assembles a first-time portrait of arts and social change funders, and others supporting civic engagement and social change through arts and cultural strategies.
2. On Thurs., March 24, at 2:30 p.m. a free hour-long audio-conference will be held on "[Community Attachment and Civic Engagement: Key Lessons and Opportunities for Municipal Leaders.](#)"

Participants will gain further insight into the factors that increase residents' attachment to and involvement in their communities.

3. The [6th Annual Conference on Financial Education](#) will be April 20-22, 2011 in Chicago, IL. This conference features critically-acclaimed speakers from around the country, as well as industry best practices and the latest trends.
4. The [Social Science Research Council Workshop on Religion and International Affairs](#) will be held June 5-9 in Pacific Grove, CA and welcomes applications from graduate students who are about to embark on their research or are currently working in the field (or the archive), as well as those in the process of writing their dissertations. The deadline is **April 15, 2011**.
5. [The Best Out of School Time \(BOOST\) Conference](#) will be April 27, 2011 in Palm Springs, This all-inclusive conference supports After School Education & Safety (ASES) Programs, 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) Programs and High School ASSETS programs.
6. The 2011 Federal Reserve Community Affairs Research Conference, "[The Changing Landscape of Community Development](#)," will be held April 28-29, 2011, in Arlington, VA. Sessions will cover a diverse set of topics relevant to low-income households and communities, including household financial well-being in the wake of the foreclosure crisis, the future of community development finance, the effectiveness of financial counseling, and strategies for economic recovery.
7. The [2nd Annual Summer Research Institute on the Future of Community Engagement in Higher Education](#) will be at Boston University's School of Education on June 24-26, 2011. The goal for this conference and beyond is to support new and developing academic programs in community engagement; to provide a voice in the community engagement movement for the value of such academic programs; and to build a vibrant research base and academic community for scholars and practitioners committed to institutionalizing community engagement in higher education through such academic programs.

Call for Proposals and Papers

1. Proposals are being accepted for the Association of American Colleges and Universities' Network for Academic Renewal's conference, "[Arts & Humanities: Toward a Flourishing State?](#)" This conference will be November 3-5, 2011 in Providence, Rhode Island and will focus attention on innovative and practical approaches to the arts and humanities as integral to liberal education. Proposals should be submitted by **March 30, 2011**.
2. The PA Office of Child Development and Early Learning is currently accepting workshop proposals for "[A Brighter Tomorrow: Cultivating Infants' and Toddlers' Social Emotional Development](#)," to be held at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona, PA on July 19-21. The Symposium will provide attendees with a quality professional development opportunity focused on the unique needs, issues and topics that those who work with infants, toddlers and their families face, particularly around the areas of social emotional development, mental health and behavior. Proposals should be submitted by **March 30, 2011**.
3. Proposals are being accepted for the [2011 IARSLCE Annual Conference, "Research for Impact: Scholarship Advancing Social Change"](#), to be held November 2 - 4, 2011 in Chicago, IL. The 11th annual research conference is targeted to scholars and practitioners interested in research on service-learning, community-based research, campus-community partnerships, and civic learning outcomes in P-20 education. To be considered, all proposals must be received via online submission by **April 15, 2011**.

4. Presentation proposals are being accepted for the 23rd [Annual National Dropout Prevention Network Conference](#), being held October 9-12 in Schaumburg, IL. Skilled presenters who have excellent ideas, proven programs, and research to share in the areas of (1) family involvement, (2) school culture, (3) attendance and truancy, (4) leadership, (5) re-enrolling dropouts, (6) community partnerships, (7) funding issues, and (8) curriculum and instruction should submit proposals by **May 13, 2011**.

New Resources

1. [Adolescent Literacy Development in Out-of-School Time: A Practitioner's Guidebook](#), designed for practitioners, integrates adolescent literacy development initiatives into a wide variety of out-of-school programs.
2. Women's Health and Environmental Network (WHEN) has released "[Healthcare's Harvest: Seeding Sustainability in Hospital Kitchens](#)," a compilation of 10 sustainable food recipes to guide large institutions to healthier menus. The recipes highlight delicious organic, locally sourced, and seasonal ingredients served in hospitals for patients, staff and customers.
3. The Applied Research Center released "[The Color of Food](#)," a report that demonstrates racial and gender inequality of workers across the food supply chain, from production, processing, and distribution, to the retail and service sectors. "The Color of Food" sheds light on justice issues faced by the food supply work force from seed to plate.
4. According to the report, "[The Case for Food Action Plans: Laboratories of Food Democracy](#)," bureaucracy and paperwork stand in the way of States when addressing rising rates of food insecurity, hunger, and obesity. Food Action Plans (FAPs) can effectively streamline government processes so that food security issues can be addressed in a timely manner.
5. "[A Better Budget for All: Saving Our Economy and Helping Those in Need](#)" draws a sharp contrast between the White House budget for next fiscal year and the House plan for the remainder of this year, although it also notes serious concerns with elements of the president's budget.
6. "[What Works for Latino/Hispanic Children and Adolescents: Lessons from Experimental Evaluations of Programs and Interventions](#)" and "[What Works for African American Children and Adolescents: Lessons from Experimental Evaluations of Programs and Interventions](#)" are two Child Trends Fact Sheets that review social interventions in order to identify programs that work and successful intervention strategies.
7. "[Advise the Advisor](#)," a video about education reform, is available from the Domestic Policy Council. This video poses a few key questions for parents, teachers and students to answer so the Council can get a sense of what's working in communities, as well as what needs to change. The [White House Education Newsletter](#) focused on education issues has also been set up.
8. "[A CBPR Partnership Increases HIV Testing Among Men Who Have Sex With Men \(MSM\): Outcome Findings From a Pilot Test of the CyBER/testing Internet Intervention](#)" by Scott D. Rhodes et. al. summarizes the findings of a community-based participatory research partnership designed to promote HIV testing among men who have sex with men (MSM) within existing Internet chat rooms.

Grant Opportunities

1. The purpose of the [Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation's On Screen/In Person](#) program is to provide exhibition opportunities for independent filmmakers; provide access to excellent film programming to audiences across the mid-Atlantic region; and to provide communities with opportunities that engender greater understanding of the filmmakers' work and enhance the viewing experience. Filmmakers are invited to submit their films, including animation, documentaries, experimental, and narrative work for the 2011 program. The deadline for film submissions is **April 1, 2011**.
2. The Department of Labor's [Enhanced Transitional Jobs Demonstration](#) provides support for the provision of enhanced transitional jobs programs, as well as other activities and services to increase the workforce participation of low-income, hard-to-employ populations, specifically non-custodial parents or ex-offenders reentering their communities. The application deadline is **April 15, 2011**.
3. The [Libri Foundation Books for Children Grants](#) donate new, quality, hardcover children's books for small, rural, public libraries across the country. Libraries should be in a rural area, have a limited operating budget, and an active children's department. The deadline is **April 15, 2011**.
4. The National Library of Medicine's [HIV/AIDS Community Information Outreach Project 2011](#) is accepting applications from organizations and libraries to design and conduct projects that will improve access to HIV/AIDS related health information for patients, the affected community, and their caregivers. The deadline is **April 19, 2011**.
5. The Department of Justice's [Encouraging Innovation: Field-Initiated Programs](#) provides support to develop and implement new and innovative strategies that better enable local criminal justice systems to prevent and respond to emerging and chronic crime problems that affect many communities in the U.S. The application deadline is **April 21, 2011**.
6. The Department of Agriculture's [Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program](#) provides support for projects that employ advanced telecommunications technologies designed to meet the educational and healthcare needs of rural America through enhanced learning and healthcare opportunities. The application deadline is **April 25, 2011**.
7. The Department of Education's [Predominantly Black Institutions Program](#) provides support to strengthen predominantly black institutions to carry out programs in the following areas: science, technology, engineering, or mathematics; health education; internationalization or globalization; teacher preparation; or improving educational outcomes of African-American males. The application deadline is **April 25, 2011**.
8. The [Skoll Awards for Social Entrepreneurship](#) support nonprofit organizations worldwide that are led by social entrepreneurs whose work has the potential for large-scale influence on critical challenges of our time: environmental sustainability, health, tolerance and human rights, institutional responsibility, economic and social equity, and peace and security. The application deadline for the 2012 awards is **April 27, 2011**.
9. [The ING Unsung Heroes](#) program annually provides grants to K-12 educators utilizing new teaching methods and techniques to improve learning. The deadline for applications is **April 30, 2011**.
10. The [Foundation for Financial Planning](#) awards grants to nonprofit organizations nationwide for community outreach and pro bono activities that utilize financial planning practitioners in the delivery of services. Support is provided to organizations that deliver services to specific target audiences who are underserved by the market, in need of financial guidance, or in a financial crisis. Concept papers must be submitted by **April 30, 2011**.

11. [TogetherGreen's Innovation Grants](#) program provides support for creative and ambitious projects that engage diverse communities in finding innovative solutions to environmental challenges. Innovation Grants fund projects that conserve or restore habitat and protect species, improve water quality or quantity, and reduce the threat of global warming; engage new and diverse audiences in conservation actions; and inspire and use innovative approaches and technologies to engage people and achieve conservation results. The application deadline is **May 1, 2011**.
12. The [Retirement Research Foundation](#) (RRF) supports efforts that improve access to and quality of community-based and residential health and long-term care; promote economic security for all older adults by strengthening social insurance, pension, and personal savings programs; and support adequate training of those working directly with older persons and their families to bring higher-quality care to larger numbers of older adults. Proposals are due **May 1**, August 1, and February 1, annually.
13. [ING Run for Something Better](#) will provide a minimum of fifty grants to U.S. public elementary and middle schools planning to establish a school-based running program or expand an existing one. The application deadline is **May 1, 2011**.
14. The [Getty Images Grants for Editorial Photography](#) program is designed to provide professional photographers with the creative freedom to create compelling social, political, and cultural stories. Applications will be accepted through **May 1, 2011**.
15. [The Fund for Wild Nature](#) provides grants to grassroots organizations in the United States and Canada for campaigns to save and restore native species and wild ecosystems, with particular emphasis on actions to defend threatened wilderness and biological diversity. The remaining deadlines for 2011 are **May 1** and September 1.

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1. The Environmental Protection Agency's [National Award for Smart Growth Achievement](#) program provides awards to public- and private-sector entities that have successfully used smart growth principles to improve communities environmentally, socially, and economically. The application deadline is **April 6, 2011**.
2. [New York Campus Compact's Education Award Program \(EAP\)](#) supports the recruitment of college students to serve community partner organizations, helping to increase the capacity of local nonprofits, schools, and faith-based organizations to meet critical needs. New York Campus Compact has applied to receive between 150-500 AmeriCorps EAP slots for the 2011-2012 program year. All proposals are to be submitted electronically (with original signatures) by **April 15, 2011**.
3. [VSA's Playwright Discovery Program](#) invites middle and high school students to take a closer look at the world around them, examine how disability affects their lives and the lives of others, and express their views through the art of playwriting. All submissions must be received by **April 15, 2011**.
4. New York Campus Compact is pleased to announce that the nomination process for the [Newman Civic Fellows Awards](#) is now open. This is National Campus Compact's only student award that recognizes and celebrates the social entrepreneurship of our students. Nominations are due by **April 18, 2011**.
5. The Carter Center annually offers the [Rosalynn Carter Fellowships for Mental Health Journalism](#) to support journalists in reporting on topics related to mental health or mental illnesses. The goals

of the year-long fellowships are to increase accurate reporting on mental health issues and decrease incorrect, stereotypical information; help journalists produce high-quality work that reflects an understanding of mental health issues through exposure to well-established resources in the field; and develop a cadre of better-informed print and electronic journalists who will more accurately report information through newspapers, magazines, radio, television, film, and the Internet and influence their peers to do the same. The application deadline is **April 18, 2011**.

6. The [Peace Corps Master's International Program in Community and Social Change at the University of Miami](#) is designed to allow students the unique opportunity of combining a master's degree in Community and Social Change at the University of Miami with overseas Peace Corps service in community youth development.
7. The [Ernest A. Lynton Award for the Scholarship of Engagement for Early Career Faculty](#) recognizes a faculty member who is pre-tenure at tenure-granting campuses and early career (i.e., within the first six years) at campuses with long-term contracts and who connects his or her teaching, research, and service to community engagement. The Lynton Award emphasizes community-based scholarly work across faculty roles. Nominations are due **April 29, 2011**.
8. [The Teachers' Insurance Plan](#) recognizes K-12 teachers who have excelled in their commitment and contribution to the betterment of their school, students, or educational community through the Teacher of the Year program. Teachers may be nominated online through **April 30, 2011**.
9. The [Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes](#) invites nominations for its 2011 awards. The Barron Prize honors young people ages 8 to 18 who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Each year, ten national winners each receive \$2,500 to support their service work or higher education. Nomination deadline is **April 30**.
10. Applications are being accepted for the [Dr. Alma S. Adams Scholarship for Outreach and Health Communications](#) to reduce tobacco use among the foundation's "Priority Populations." The scholarship will be awarded to individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to community service or used the visual arts or media to convey culturally appropriate health messages on behalf of a disadvantaged population. Applications should be submitted by **April 30, 2011**.

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