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WNYSLC News and Updates

The WNYSLC would like to welcome Karen Christie, Chief Community Engagement and Human Resources Officer for the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County to the WNYSLC Steering Committee!

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Local News and Events

1. Neighborhood Housing Services of South Buffalo are hosting a number of workshops on financial issues. "Budget and Credit" will be May 21st and June 4 from 10 – 12 p.m. "Identity Theft" will be May 26 and June 14 from 6 – 8 p.m. "Predatory Lending" will be May 27 and June 15 from 6 – 8 p.m. All workshops will be at 1937 South Park Avenue. To attend, please contact Pam at 823-3630.
2. The Girl Scouts of Western New York is seeking nominations of women for [Women of Distinction 2011](#), a program where Girl Scouts honor nine Western New York women for their achievements in Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM), Arts and Humanities, Business, Healthcare, Entrepreneurship, Education, Armed Services, Girl Scout Volunteerism and Sports. The deadline for submissions is **June 1, 2011**.
3. Restoration Society, Inc. is hosting "Introduction to Mentoring and Coaching" on June 10th from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at 66 Englewood Ave. For more information, please contact James Rohl at 835-1919 ext 21 by June 3, 2011.
4. An informational session on the Project Management Institute Buffalo Chapter will be held on Wednesday, June 22, 2011 from 9-10:30 a.m. at the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County. The institute will run on Mondays in September and October. To participate in the information session, please contact Gail Calisto at gail.calisto@uwbec.org or 887-2776 by **June 17, 2011**.
5. The New York Council of Nonprofits will be offering [two free workshops](#) on June 21, 2011 for nonprofit board members. "Nonprofit Accounting Basics for Board Members" will be from 9 a.m. – noon; "The New Form 990: A Focus on Board Governance" will be from 1 – 4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn-Amherst.

National Conferences and Workshops

1. National Youth Leadership Council is offering free demonstrative webinars of modules from their "Lift: Raising the Bar for Service-Learning Practice" tool. On Thursday, May 12 at 4 p.m., the webinar will focus on "Youth Voice." On Thursday, May 26 at 4 p.m., a webinar will focus on diversity. The modules offer introductory videos, video vignettes, and downloadable handouts from a range of disciplines. RSVP for login information by emailing gsn@nylc.org.
2. ["Virtual Reality - Online Academic Service Learning: Challenges and Opportunities."](#) a New York Campus Compact Symposium, will be Friday, May 13, 2011 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Berkeley College in New York City. Take advantage of this opportunity to see how Service Learning is applied in the Virtual World. Participants will experience online academic service learning from multiple perspectives that will assist their institution in implementing successful online academic service learning courses. The workshop will be streamed on [Berkeley College's website](#).

3. [Interfaith Leadership Institutes](#) will be held July 28 - July 1 in Chicago or July 25 - 28 in Washington, D.C. Interfaith Leadership Institutes are 3-day intensive workshops that equip students and their campus allies with the skills to speak out on the importance of interfaith action on their campus, mobilize fellow students to take action, and sustain their efforts to create a lasting impact on campus. Applications due **May 20, 2011**.
4. The Association for Consortium Leadership is pleased to announce the [Institute on Collaboration in Higher Education](#) to be held in Claremont, California, June 19-22, 2011. The Institute is designed for consortium leaders who are interested in understanding the impact of inter-institutional collaborations and cooperation on higher education.
5. The [2nd Annual Summer Research Institute on the Future of Community Engagement in Higher Education](#) will be June 24-26, 2011 at Boston University. This institute is focused on supporting, expanding, and institutionalizing civic and community engagement through academic programs such as certificates, minors, majors, and interdisciplinary concentrations.

Call for Proposals and Papers

1. The [2011 Water and Health Conference: Where Science Meets Policy](#) will bring together experts from academia, industry, non-governmental organizations, government and foundations to provide an interdisciplinary perspective spanning science, policy, practice and economics. The Conference will consider drinking water sanitation, hygiene and water resources with a strong public health emphasis. The conference will be October 3-7, 2011 in Chapel Hill, NC. The submission deadline for abstracts has been extended to **May 15, 2011**.
2. [Civic Engagement](#) by Alliance 4 Public Service is looking for stories for its next issue. *Civic Engagement* is a magazine that seeks to deepen the discourse about, and underscore a shared commitment to, public service. This magazine features the exemplars of public service—people and projects—as well as publications, other resources for “doing” public service, and personal reflections.
3. Presentations are sought for the [“Bridging Research with Practice: BPSOS Southeast Asian Family Conference 2011”](#) to be held in September in Philadelphia, PA. Presentation theme ideas include Southeast Asian (SEA) family issues; adaptation/integration/acclulturation of SEA Immigrants; LGBT issues; immigrant and refugee experiences and policy; health; barriers to education, or violence in family or community. The deadline for submissions is **July 8, 2011**.
4. Paper proposals are being accepted for a special issue of the [Journal of Urban Affairs](#). The special issue focuses on the link between urban education and neighborhood revitalization. The issue will highlight papers that describe, analyze, and interpret innovative strategies to develop public policy that links urban education reform to neighborhood revitalization. Papers should be submitted by **December 16, 2011**.

New Resources

1. [“Photovoice: The Story of Substandard Housing”](#) is a 14 minute multimedia video produced to build awareness about the importance of healthy and affordable housing for low income, rural families. In addition, it serves as a resource to teach students aspects of community assessment, social determinants of health, CBPR and qualitative research methods.

2. The tenth issue of the [Journal of Aboriginal Health](#) provides examples of how health is influenced and shaped by social networks, in addition to other determinants of health. Articles include “It’s Not Something You Have to Be Scared About: Attitudes towards Pregnancy and Fertility Among Canadian Aboriginal Young People;” “What are the Odds? Community Readiness for Smoke-Free Bingos in First Nation Communities;” and “Strengthening Aboriginal Health through a Place-Based learning Community.”
3. [“Teachable Moments: Ethics and Reflection in Service-Learning”](#) by Teddi Fishman and Lorelei Swanson is focused on helping educators with teaching the process of ethical decision making using the pedagogy of service-learning.
4. [“Expanded Measures of School Performance”](#) finds that expanding measures of school performance beyond mathematics and English language arts will give educators better information when evaluating the achievements of schools.
5. The FDIC’s [Money Smart for Young Adults](#) curriculum helps youth ages 12-20 learn the basics of handling their money and finances, including how to create positive relationships with financial institutions. The revised curriculum includes instructional enhancements, such as expanded pre- and post-tests that teachers can use to measure changes in student knowledge or use as quiz questions.
6. The [Philadelphia Social Innovations Journal](#) has released a theme-based edition, focused on Education Reform. While most of the articles in the journal focus specifically on Philadelphia, the journal offers a number of case studies that may be of interest to some readers.

Grant Opportunities

1. The [Volunteer Generation Fund](#) will support efforts that expand the capacity of volunteer connector organizations to recruit, manage support and retain individuals to serve in high quality volunteer assignments, including those that are aligned with special days of service such as Martin Luther King Jr. Day and the 9-11 Day of Service and Remembrance. Proposals should be submitted by **May 18, 2011**.
2. The Department of Health and Human Services’ [Circles of Care V: Infrastructure Development for Children’s Mental Health Systems in American Indian/Alaska Native Communities Grants](#) program provides support for efforts designed to increase the capacity and effectiveness of mental health systems serving American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities. The focus is on providing tribal and urban Indian communities with tools and resources to plan and design a holistic, community-based, coordinated system of care to support mental health and wellness for children, youth, and families. The application deadline is **May 31, 2011**.
3. The [Yes to Seed Fund](#) is designed to provide students with engaging ways to learn about nutrition and the importance of fruits and vegetables. The partners will provide five Starter Garden Grants of \$500 to K-12 schools nationwide. The application deadline is **May 31, 2011**.
4. [NEA Foundation-Nickelodeon Big Help Grants](#) are dedicated to the development and implementation of ideas, techniques, and approaches to addressing four key concerns: environmental awareness, health and wellness, students’ right to a quality public education, and active community involvement. The application deadline is **June 1, 2011**.
5. The [National Peace Corps Association’s \(NPCA\) Global Community Project Fund](#) is accepting proposals for projects that seek to improve livelihoods in ways that strengthen peace and enhance prosperity — the Peace Corps’ two overarching and timeless goals. Proposals must

have a direct and measurable benefit to a community of need, be replicable and scalable, and involve a Peace Corps community member. Proposals are due **June 3, 2011**.

6. The Department of Justice's [Best Practices for Juvenile Drug Courts Training](#) program provides support for activities designed to build competency, performance, and capacity of juvenile drug courts across the nation to better serve youth involved in substance abuse, co-occurring substance abuse, and mental health disorders, including an emphasis on best practices for the treatment of trauma. Applications are due **June 6, 2011**.
7. The [National Endowment for Financial Education](#) grants program seeks to fund innovative research and research-based development projects that can make a profound contribution to the field of financial literacy. Of particular interest are pro-active research projects whose findings may cultivate critical thinking in the financial literacy community. The application deadline is **June 7, 2011**.
8. The Department of Housing and Urban Development's [Healthy Homes Production Program](#) provides support for coordinated efforts to address a variety of high-priority environmental health and safety hazards, including the identification and remediation of multiple housing-related diseases and injuries, with a focus on units or buildings where children and elderly reside. The application deadline is **June 9, 2011**.
9. The [Saucony Run For Good Foundation's](#) grant program is open to nonprofit organizations that initiate and support running and fitness programs for kids. The deadline for applications is **June 13, 2011**.
10. The [National Forest Foundation's Mid-Capacity Assistance Program](#) provides grants for locally-based collaborative efforts working on natural resource issues in National Forests and Grasslands. The purpose is to support relatively young nonprofit organizations as they leverage their initial project successes, while strengthening their operating infrastructure. The application deadline is **June 14, 2011**.
11. The [Open Society Institute Think Tank Fund and Information Program](#) invites proposals from think tanks, policy research organizations, and advocacy organizations with in-house research capacity for comprehensive projects designed to improve public access to data for policy-relevant research and evidence-based advocacy. The deadline for applications is **June 15, 2011**.
12. The National Endowment for the Humanities' [Digging into Data Challenge](#) program provides support to investigations that address how "big data," ranging from digitized books, newspapers, and music to transactional data like web searches, sensor data, or cell phone records, changes the research landscape for the humanities and social sciences. The application deadline is **June 16, 2011**.
13. The [Children's Cancer Research Fund](#) supports investigators at the postdoctoral level (M.D. or Ph.D.) working on innovative pilot clinical studies that have the potential to develop new insights into clinical aspects of childhood cancer. The deadline is **June 17, 2011**.
14. Creative Capital is currently offering [Workshop Subsidy Grants](#) through its Professional Development Program (PDP), which helps artists to manage the business side of their art with greater efficiency and results. The application deadline for workshops to be held in 2012 is **June 17, 2011**.
15. [Scholastic's Be Big Fund](#) will help bring the winning BIG Idea that helps make your community a better place to life with help from Clifford, HandsOn Network and American Family Insurance. The deadline is **June 17, 2011**.

Misc.

1. The [American Express NGen Leadership Award](#) invites nominations of leaders who demonstrate transformative impact in their field beyond just their organization; display a proven ability to collaborate in innovative, inclusive ways; identify needs, generate solutions, and assess progress toward their goals; are currently employed by a U.S.-based nonprofit or nongovernmental organization; and will be age 40 (or younger) at the time of receiving the award. The deadline for nominations is **May 13, 2011**.
2. The purpose of [the MetLife Foundation Awards for Excellence in Affordable Housing](#) is to recognize nonprofit organizations and Tribes/Tribally Designated Housing Entities that show exemplary leadership, innovation, and quality service delivery in affordable senior housing. The application deadline is **May 31, 2011**.
3. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's [Steve Patterson Award for Excellence in Sports Philanthropy](#) acknowledges professional sports organizations and individual sports philanthropies that have made an exceptional effort in deploying their unique resources toward efforts to improve the lives of others. The deadline for submissions is **June 22, 2011**.
4. Nominations are being accepted for the [Mario Savio Young Activist Award](#). Nominees should be between the ages of 16 and 26; engaged in activism for social change related to peace, human rights, economic or social justice, or freedom of expression; working within the context of an organization, social movement, or larger community effort; and considered by others within that context as an inspirational leader or motivating force. The application deadline is **June 30, 2011**.
5. The Drucker Institute at Claremont Graduate University has announced a call for applications for the [2011 Peter F. Drucker Award for Nonprofit Innovation](#). The Drucker Award is granted to a social sector organization that demonstrates Peter Drucker's definition of innovation — "change that creates a new dimension of performance." The deadline is **July 1, 2011**.

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