

Week of December 5, 2011

WNYSLC News and Updates

SAVE THE DATE! January 11, 2012 Community Partner Workshop and Networking event starting at 2:00 at UB's Allen Hall! More information to come!

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2. AAUW Community Action Grants
3. Junior Faculty Fellowship for Research in Entrepreneurship
4. Doctoral Fellowships in Education
5. NYS Health Foundation Special Projects Fund
6. Youth Service America, J-Serve

Misc.

1. Families USA Healthcare Fellowships
2. George Gund Foundation Fellowship
3. 2012 National Arts & Humanities Youth Program Awards
4. Global Social Change Leadership Institute

Local News and Events

1. Undergraduate Market Research students are available in the spring semester 2012 to work on projects for local non-profits. These students will develop surveys and

interpret the results. If you are interested in having a group of students work with your organization contact [Joe Roccisano](#) by **December 9th**.

2. [Channels: Stories from the Niagara Frontier](#), an initiative that pairs up area filmmakers with the city's activist groups and non-profit organizations to produce short documentaries about locally relevant issues will be having a premier screening of this year's videos on **December 11th** at 3:00pm at the Burchfield Penney Art Center. This year's videos tackle Buffalo's water and air quality, the Peace Bridge expansion project, and community building on the East Side.
3. Daemen College is currently recruiting volunteers (students and adults) for tutoring and homework help at the Seneca Street Afterschool Program during intersession. This is a great opportunity for students to make up hours needed or get a jump start on spring semester. Volunteers are needed **December 12-15, January 9-12, 17-19 and 23-26** from 2:30 – 5:30. Volunteers do not need to commit to all the dates! Contact [Kristin Cook](#) (462-0017) or [Cheryl Bird](#) (689-6356).
4. AFP WNY Chapter presents, "[What Motivates Donors](#)" a panel discussion that will focus on leadership volunteers, board members, Generation X, business owners and more. This exciting session will take place on **December 14th** from 12:00 – 1:15 at Templeton Landing. RSVP [here](#).
5. [The Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo](#) has released a new timeline for upcoming grant applications. Letters of intent are now due on **February 1st**. RFP announcements will be made after the first of the new year.

National Conferences and Workshops

1. [From the Ground Up! Workshops](#) are intensive, hands-on trainings offering diverse groups the opportunity to learn, plan, develop, operate, and sustain community food projects. Project participants leave the workshop with improved skills that they can take back into their communities and pass on to others. These workshops are for both rural and urban projects. Two day workshops begin on **January 7-8** with additional dates throughout the spring. Workshops are held at the Growing Power Community Food center in Milwaukee, WI.
2. "[Intensifying Impact: Civic Engagement Matters](#)", the 2012 Civic Engagement Institute hosted by North Carolina Campus Compact will be taking place on **February 15th** in Chapel Hill, NC. The Institute is dedicated to thinking deeply about how to ensure that community engagement work is sustainable and underscored with deeper partnerships, inter- and intra- institutional collaboration, greater impact, targeted outcomes, and lifelong commitment to engagement by institutions, higher education leaders, and students. Early bird registration opens until January 15th.
3. "[Engaging the Community for Research Success: What Scientists & IRBs Need to Know](#)," will be held on **March 21-22** in Raleigh, NC. Sponsored by Campus Community Partnerships for Health this session is designed to develop a better understanding of ethical, regulatory and policy issues involved in conducting community-engaged research in national and international settings and provide a forum for researchers, regulators, and community representatives to network and form partnerships.

Call for Proposals and Papers

1. The [Michigan Journal of Community Service Learning](#) is currently accepting articles for volume 19 (fall 2012, spring 2013). The MJCSL is a national, peer-reviewed publication with a circulation of about 1000 (with subscribers all over the world), and includes articles on research, theory, pedagogy, and other issues pertinent to curriculum-based service-learning in higher education, campus-community partnerships, and other forms of community-engaged scholarship intended for a faculty and administrator audience. Abstracts may be sent to [Jeff Howard](#) by **December 20th**.
2. The [International Undergraduate Journal for Service-Learning, Leadership, and Social Change](#) is seeking article submissions from students. The journal considers three types of articles: Articles that discuss the development of a service-learning project and the impact of the project on the community served; a case study of a service-learning project; a reflection on service-learning and the development of personal leadership. Submissions should be emailed in word format to [Joyce Fields](#) and [Ned Laff](#) by **February 15th**.

New Resources

1. The NASSP December issue of [Principal Leadership](#) features a number of articles on service-learning.
2. From newsletter-creation to targeted blog tools, running analytics and making donations, almost every useful service a non-profit or cause-based organization could want has received a technologically innovative makeover, complete with options for every set of needs, challenges, and price-points. These [six tools](#) might not save the world on their own, but they can empower and facilitate users to achieve their own goals faster, better and more cheaply than ever before.
3. A new CIRCLE study, "[Understanding a Diverse Generation: Youth Civic Engagement in the United States.](#)" shatters stereotypes and dispels conventional myths about the ways in which young people ages 18-29 are involved in the United States political system. The study uses U.S. Census data on young voters from across the United States and compares youth engagement in the 2008 and 2010 election cycles.

Grant Opportunities

1. The [Merck Family Fund](#) will support programs in cities in the Northeast that are harnessing the power of young people to create urban farms and local markets in food insecure communities. Letters of Inquiry should be sent **as soon as possible** to [Ruth Goldman](#), Program Officer.
2. The American Association of University Women [Community Action Grants](#) program provides funds to individuals, AAUW organizations, and local community-based nonprofit organizations throughout the country for innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls. Special consideration is given to projects focused on K-12 and community college girls' and women's achievements in science, technology, engineering, or math. Application Deadline: **January 15th**.

3. Kauffman Foundation Accepting Nominations for [Junior Faculty Fellowship Grants to Support Research in Entrepreneurship](#). The program is designed to recognize junior faculty who are beginning to establish a record of scholarship and exhibit the potential to make significant contributions to the body of research in the field of entrepreneurship. Application Deadline: **January 23rd**.

4. Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, [Fellowships in Education](#) is intended to support doctoral students for work done after the successful defense of their dissertation proposals. Application Deadline: **February 3rd**.
5. The New York State Health Foundation is currently accepting applications for the second round of the [2012 Special Projects Fund](#). Special Projects Fund awards enable the foundation to be responsive to opportunities that fit its mission but are outside of its three priority areas: expanding health insurance coverage, improving the management and prevention of diabetes, and encouraging the integration of substance use and mental health services. Online inquiry form is due **April 27th**.

6. Youth Service America (YSA) is currently accepting applications for [J-Serve](#), the International Day of Jewish Youth Service. YSA is offering micro-grants to support J-Serve projects that take place on April 22, 2012. A limited number of micro-grants of up to \$500 each will be awarded for community projects committed to creating service opportunities that bring Jewish teens together to participate in a J-Serve project. Projects that are creative and innovative, especially those that are first-time events in a community, as well as projects conceived and planned by teen project leaders (with adequate adult supervision), will receive preferential reviews. Application Deadline: Rolling

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1. [Families USA](#) is accepting applications for the Wellstone Fellowship for Social Justice and the Villers Fellowship for Health Care Justice. Each year, one person is chosen for each of these fellowships to work in Families USA's Washington, D.C. office for a year. [Wellstone Fellowship](#) candidates must demonstrate an interest in healthcare policy as a tool for reducing racial and ethnic health disparities and in using organizing and advocacy skills to achieve social change. Applicants also should demonstrate a commitment to contributing to social justice advocacy following their year of hands-on experience as a fellow. Application Deadline: **January 27th**. The [Villers Fellowship for Health Care Justice](#) was created to inspire and develop the next generation of healthcare justice leaders. During his/her year-long tenure, the fellow will work on a variety of healthcare justice issues and develop an understanding of the federal legislation process. S/he also will be exposed to different advocacy strategies, including producing analytic reports, disseminating effective messages through the media, coalition building, and e-advocacy techniques. Application Deadline: **January 10th**.

2. The [George Gund Foundation Fellowship](#) provides an opportunity for promising professionals to work inside the George Gund foundation. The fellowship is a two-year, full-time commitment beginning in summer 2012, and requiring residence in Northeast Ohio during the term of engagement. The fellowship experience will include a wide range of substantive assignments, including reviewing grant proposals, organizing and conducting site visits, and researching topics related to the foundation's grantmaking interests. Application Deadline: **January 13th**.

3. The President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, is pleased to invite applications for the [2012 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards](#). The twelve award-winning programs this year will receive \$10,000 and an invitation to accept their award from the President's Committee's Honorary Chairman, First Lady Michelle Obama at a ceremony at the White House. Application Deadline: **January 31st**.

4. The Research Center for Leadership in Action (RCLA) at New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service is pleased to share a call for applications for the [Global Social Change Leadership Institute](#) being held July 8-20, 2012, in New York City for university and graduate students and recent college graduates. The Institute offers emerging leaders a chance to develop practical knowledge and skills to advance social justice in their communities. Early Admission Deadline: **February 24th**.

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