

# Conference Preview

## Youth as Partners in Civic Leadership 2009 Conference November 13-15, 2009

### Friday, November 13, 2009

#### **6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Check-in & Registration**

#### **7:05 - 8:10 p.m. Interactive Sessions**

Repeated twice to give you a taste of what you can get into over the next two days.

- A. Guerrilla Marketing (surprising public action!) *Luke Witkowski, FACT, Madison*
- B. Above the Influence, *Urban Underground, Milwaukee*
- C. Ice-Breakers, *Focus on Community, Racine*
- D. Video for YouTube, *Reggie Moore, Milwaukee*

#### **8:15 - 9:00 p.m. Roundtables**

How do issues addressed at this conference connect to you personally? How are they playing out in your community? Meet new people from across Wisconsin and find out what they're doing to make change!

#### **9:15 - 9:45 p.m. Bringing it All Together**

#### **9:45 - 11:00 p.m. Indoor and Outdoor Activities**

#### **11:00 p.m. In Cabins**

#### **11:30 p.m. Lights Out & Quiet**

### Saturday, November 14, 2009

#### **7:30 - 8:15 a.m. Breakfast**

#### **8:30 - 9:20 a.m. Got Voice? Make Change!**

*Jeremy Triblett, Urban Underground, David Crawley, YMCA of Milwaukee, and Senator Lena Taylor, Milwaukee (invited)*

#### **9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Issue Session I**

#### **11:00 - 12:15 a.m. Issue Session II**

**Diversity** Dig into diversity with two student groups *Focus on Community of Racine*: High school students facilitate diversity circles with middle schoolers—race, sexual orientation, and other types of diversity. *Intercultural*

### Saturday (continued)

*Leadership Initiative, Vilas County*: High School students act as facilitators and mentors to younger students to reduce racial tensions and promote cultural understanding.

#### **The Great Prevention** *Sharlen Moore, Urban*

*Underground, Milwaukee*. Healthy relationships and STD awareness, sexual-content media effects on young people. Learn how youth are targeted and how to help yourself and others.

**Promoting Healthy Relationships** *Chippewa Valley High School Youth Action Coalition*. Youth across Wisconsin are promoting healthy personal relationships and working against dating violence. Learn about teen relationships and making a positive change through presentations and personal actions.

#### **Entrepreneurial Environmental Change: Starting a Clean Energy Corps**, *Youth Energy Squad, Michigan*

This youth group helps low-income families save \$400-\$500/year, cutting carbon emissions, and preparing young people to be leaders in the clean energy economy. They will share their program retrofitting houses for energy efficiency and talk about developing entrepreneurial and change agent skills to benefit the environment.

**Hitting it Hard: Alcohol Use and Abuse** *Taylor Putz, student intern for the Drug Free Communities Task Force of Fond du Lac County and STAAND member; Shawna Baar, Wautoma STOP; Sue Allen, Wisconsin Prevention & Youth Development Specialist; Hilary Bilbrey, Inspired by Family, Stevens Point*. Youth and adult partners size up Wisconsin's addiction to alcohol and the widespread damage that results. Learn how youth/adult teams across Wisconsin are talking it up, educating people, helping to change or enforce laws, and taking a stand for safer, healthier lives.

#### **12:20 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch**

**1:00 - 1:30 p.m. General Assembly** *Jeremy Triblett, Urban Underground, David Crawley, YMCA of Milwaukee*

## Saturday (continued)

1:40 - 2:40 p.m. **Tactic Session I**

2:45 - 3:45 p.m. **Tactic Session II**

### **A. Clothing as political expression** *Mess Hall Press, Madison*

Take your message to the streets! Plaster it all over town, or at least all over yourself. Learn how to do down and dirty screen printing for posters and t-shirts. Madison's own teen screen printing collective will show you how to simply create effective designs and messaging.

### **B. Video for YouTube** *Reggie Moore, Milwaukee*

**C. Earned Media** *Luke Witkowski, FACT, Madison*  
How to get the media's attention for your issue.

### **D. Youth Organizing/Hustling for Change**, *Urban Underground, Milwaukee*

A "how-to" workshop for young people interested in building a campaign around an issue in their schools or community. This interactive workshop takes young people and adult allies through step-by-step strategies for community organizing.

### **E. Advocacy with Elected Officials & Speaking at Hearings and Listening Sessions to Elected Officials** *Rosemary Potter, UW-Extension and former Wisconsin Legislator*

**F. Leading Diversity Circles** *Focus on Community, Racine*  
High school students run diversity circles with middle schoolers to help build positive relationships and understanding. Learn how you can do this in your school.

3:45 - 4:45 p.m. **Free Time**

### **5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Team Time Action Planning**

Focus on issues and/or tactics, something new to start in your school or community, something you've learned that you want to tweak or improve. Prepare team presentation for Sunday morning.

## Saturday (continued)

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Dinner**

**7:30 - 9:10 p.m. Roundtable Discussions** Explore topics you couldn't get to today or lead a discussion on a topic important to you.

9:15 p.m. **Evening Activities**

11:00 p.m. **In Cabins**

11:30 p.m. **Lights Out & Quiet**

## Sunday, November 15, 2009

7:15 - 7:45 a.m. **Breakfast**

8:00 - 8:15 a.m. **Morning Assembly**

### **8:15 - 9:45 a.m. Youth Voice Policy Briefs: Advancing Youth Voice in Wisconsin**

Conference participants mix with elected officials and community leaders to discuss and debate "briefs" that suggest new public policies for local and state youth voices to be heard.

10:00 - 11:15 a.m. **Team Presentations**

Each team reports out. Share your team's voice in a unique and interesting way—get creative!

11:15 - 11:45 a.m. **Conference Memories & Closing**

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11:45 - 12:30 noon **Lunch and Cabin Check-out**

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