

Service and Advocacy Education Series

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The Civic House Service and Advocacy Education Series is a collection of educational workshops, discussions, and reflections developed to encourage students to address the fundamental issues raised by community work, and to teach skills essential to community involvement. All members of the Penn community who are interested in service or advocacy are encouraged to participate.

In addition to the Service and Advocacy Education Series, Civic House offers a range of programming designed to develop campus community members' capacity for civic engagement. Check out our website for more information about dinners with alumni who work in public interest careers, guest speakers, partnership events, and more.

TRAINING AND AWARENESS EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

Big Brothers/Big Sisters Seminar

Co-Sponsored by Fox Leadership

Date & Location: Friday, February 1st, 11:30 am- 2:30 pm.

Meet at Civic House for travel to BBBS Headquarters in Center City via SEPTA

Facilitator: Senior Staff Members of Big Brothers Big Sisters

Join us for lunch and discussion with leaders of Big Brothers Big Sisters. Learn more about the field of non-profit management and about ensuring the success of social service programming. We will have lunch with the senior leadership team of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, the oldest, largest, and most effective youth mentoring program in the country. Students will meet and hear from the Vice Presidents responsible for Program Development and Fund Development, and their Director of Hispanic mentoring.

Big Brothers Big Sisters has been the leader in one-to-one youth service for more than a century, developing positive relationships that have a direct and lasting impact on the lives of young people. Big Brothers Big Sisters mentors children, ages 6 through 18, in communities across the country.

(Space is limited. Please RSVP to Sara Barclay at sgbarcla@upenn.edu)

Screening of Poverty Outlaw

Co-Sponsored by the Kensington Welfare Right Union

Date & Location: Wednesday, Feb. 6th, 6 pm - 8 pm in the Civic House Living Room.

Facilitator: Galen Tyler, Executive Director, KWRU

Conceived in the grinding poverty in Kensington, a once thriving industrial neighborhood in North Philadelphia, **POVERTY OUTLAW** tells the story of the birth and development of one of the leading poor peoples' organizations in the U.S., the Kensington Welfare Right Union. Members of KWRU will introduce the film and answer questions. They will also talk about KWRU's current activity and how students can get involved.

For more information about KWRU visit their website: <http://www.kwru.org/>

Community Involvement in Philadelphia

Date & Location: Thursday, February 7th, 6 pm - 7:15 pm in the Civic House Living Room

Facilitators: Jessica Januzzi, Civic House and Civic House Students

This is an essential workshop for anyone interested in working with the Philadelphia community toward positive social change. Participants will learn more about West Philadelphia and ways to engage in responsible service that foster mutually beneficial relationships between students and community members. Information and resources will be provided to support your community involvement and to address your questions and concerns.

Evaluating Your Organization and Planning for the Future

Date & Location: Tuesday, February 26th, 6 pm - 7 pm, Civic House Living Room
(Immediately preceding the CHAC General Body Meeting)

Facilitator: David Grossman, Civic House

If you're interested in improving your organization's impact for your community partners and members, this is the workshop for you. We'll discuss how to set achievable goals, monitor the progress of your group and create effective action plans toward increased success.

Tutoring: Roles, Boundaries, Issues, and Problem Solving

Co-Sponsored by West Philadelphia Tutoring Project

Date & Location: Wednesday, February 27th, 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm, Civic House Living Room

Facilitators: West Philadelphia Tutoring Project Members

Are you having difficulties connecting with your tutee? Would you like to explore your own strategies and frustrations with other tutors? Join leaders from Penn's tutoring and mentoring groups to discuss your concerns and generate a list of effective approaches.

Leadership Transitions Made Easier

Co-Sponsored by CHAC Exec.

Date & Location: Thursday, March 20th, 6 pm - 7:30 pm, Civic House Living Room

Facilitator: Jessica Januzzi, Civic House

Come learn more about easing groups through leadership transitions and developing shared ownership among new group leadership without losing momentum from past leaders' efforts. This workshop is recommended for outgoing and incoming leaders of student-led service and advocacy groups.

Community History Tour: Learning about Philadelphia's Economic Shifts

Date & Location: Friday, April 11th, 2 pm - 5 pm
Meet in the Civic House Living Room

Facilitator: Walter Licht, History Department (Civic House faculty advisor)

In this driving tour guided by History Department Chair, Walter Licht, students will learn about essential facets of Philadelphia history that influence current conditions and attitudes, and have important implications for our work with local communities. **(Limited to 13 participants. RSVP to Sara Barclay at sgbarcla@upenn.edu)**

West Philadelphia Walking Tour

Co-Sponsored by PennCORP coordinators and volunteers

Date & Location: Friday, April 25th, 12pm - 2pm
Meet in the Civic House Living Room

Facilitators: Civic House staff and students

Explore and learn more about our neighborhood. Students will set out in small groups to explore West Philadelphia, guided by maps, directions, and a list of questions, returning to Civic House to report what they've learned to the other groups and share some refreshments. **(Tour space is limited. RSVP to Sara Barclay sgbarcla@upenn.edu)**

INDIVIDUALIZED STUDENT GROUP TRAINING AND CONSULTATION

is available to student service and advocacy organizations by working collaboratively with the staff at Civic House. To develop specialized educational sessions for your service or advocacy group (that are not offered through the Civic House Education Series), please contact Civic House at 215.898.4831.