

Service-Learning/PBL Leadership Seminar: Level 1

Designed to engage teachers in service-learning/PBL "best practices"

Summer/Fall 2019

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This Leadership Seminar will be facilitated by **Ellen Erlanger and Kathy Meyer**, co-directors of the "Growing Together" Service-Learning Network. "Growing Together" is an education initiative with a strong community impact component. The program's goals are to support significant school improvement/reform, enhance student academic success and social/emotional development, increase the number of civically engaged youth, and address critical local and global issues and needs through the expansion of school-based service-learning/PBL.

What: Service-learning is an instructional strategy that directly connects community service with the school curriculum; adding rigor, relevance, and relationships to the learning process; and helping students actively address significant local/global needs. **It is an especially engaging form of PBL**—an instructional approach that enables students to "do the work of real people" by investigating important questions and solving authentic problems.

This interactive graduate course is designed to help teachers more effectively integrate service-learning/PBL, enhance social/emotional development, 21st Century Skills, and career development to **inspire a "sense of passion and purpose" in their students**. This type of instruction enables young people to take charge of their learning and lives.

Who: Up to 40 educators who have not previously taken our Level 1 graduate course will gain the knowledge, skills, and commitment to **successfully plan and implement high quality service-learning/PBL by the end of the 2019-2020 school year**. Participants will be recruited based on their interest in high quality service-learning/PBL, as well as their clear commitment to advancing their professional knowledge and expertise as excellent teachers.

“ I have never seen students so passionate, determined, or proud. Their service-learning project is something they will remember forever. ”

—Katie B., Teacher

Why: Service-learning works! Research affirms that it **makes a positive difference for kids, teachers, and communities**. High quality service-learning can have a significant impact on **academic achievement, youth development, civic engagement, community-building, and effective problem solving** re: a wide range of local and global issues and needs.

When/Where:

The SL/PBL Leadership Seminar: Level 1 will meet 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (coffee, etc. available at 8:30 a.m.), on July 23, 24, and 25, 2019. Four required follow-up sessions will be held—September 4, October 2, Nov. 20, and Dec. 4 (4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.) to ensure project continuity and support. All sessions will be held at The Graf Center (Upper Arlington Schools), 2020 Builders Place, Columbus, OH, 43204. Participants will have an **option of 2-3 semester hours of graduate credit through Ashland University or CEUs**.

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Participants Will Receive:

This course is an **enhanced version** of our introductory service-learning/PBL course "Helping Students Create Their Legacies." Due to the support of Upper Arlington Schools, Network sponsors, and the "Growing Together" Service-Learning Network, **we are able to offer additional support and resources for participation in the Service-Learning/PBL Leadership Seminar: Level 1.** These include:

- **ongoing access to support from "Growing Together" program staff members**
- a variety of resources and ideas for "best practices"
- curriculum integration strategies, with particular emphasis on content standards, social/emotional development, authentic applications of 21st Century Skills, and multiple intelligences
- **options for 2 or 3 semester hours of Ashland University graduate credit (paid by participant)**
- validation of contact hours connected with the Seminar and related follow-up hours

How to register: Complete the registration form at <http://www.partnershipsmakeadifference.org/slpbl-leadership-seminar-level-1-summerfall-2019.html> as soon as possible.

Registration is limited to 40 registrants. The Service-Learning Leadership Seminar, all handouts, and morning refreshments are provided **free of charge**. Participants are responsible for Ashland University tuition costs if they choose to take the Seminar for graduate credit.

Questions?

Contact Ellen Erlanger (614.226.2115), Kathy Meyer (614.323.3741), or info@partnershipsmakeadifference.org.

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