

Service-Learning Leadership Seminar: Level 1

Designed to engage additional teachers in service-learning "best practices"

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"Growing Together" Service-Learning Network with support from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, AEP Foundation, Upper Arlington City Schools, and other Network sponsors

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 and reform, enhance student success, increase the number of civically engaged youth, and address critical local and global issues and needs through the expansion of school-based service-learning.

What: This **graduate course opportunity** will enable interested schools to engage additional teachers in **in-depth and job-embedded professional development** re: service-learning "best practices" and their relationship to excellent teaching.

This interactive course is designed to help teachers more effectively use service-learning, as well as Project Based Learning, 21st Century Skills, career development and character education strategies, to **inspire a "sense of passion and purpose" in their students**. The course will help promote a heightened level of energy and commitment that enables young people to take charge of their learning and lives as they "create their legacies."

Who: Up to 40 Institute participants who have not taken the Level 1 graduate course offered by "Growing Together" will gain the knowledge, skills, and commitment to successfully plan and **implement high quality service-learning projects by the end of the 2015-2016 school year**.

Participants will be recruited based on their interest in high quality service-learning, 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 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 27, 28, and 29, 2015**. Four follow-up sessions will be held—**September 9, October 14, November 11, and December 9 (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 course "Helping Students Create Their Legacies." Due to the support of the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, the AEP Foundation, Upper Arlington Schools, the "Growing Together" Service-Learning Network, and our Network sponsors listed below, **we are able to offer additional support and resources for participation in the Service-Learning Leadership Seminar.** These include:

- **ongoing access to support from "Growing Together" program staff members** and Service-Learning Building Leaders
- **access to mini-grants** as needed to support costs of service-learning projects resulting from the Seminar
- **stipend for providing in-depth write-up** of service-learning project (optional)
- a variety of resources and ideas for "best practices"
- curriculum integration strategies, with particular emphasis on content standards, 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/service-learning-leadership-seminar-level-1-summerfall-2015.html> as soon as possible. *Space is limited to the first 40 registrants.* The Service-Learning Leadership Seminar, all handouts, and morning refreshments are provided **free of charge**. Participants are responsible for tuition costs if they choose to take the Seminar for graduate credit.

Questions?

Contact Ellen Erlanger or Kathy Meyer, 614.488.3459, or info@partnershipsmakeadifference.org.

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