

# Service-Learning Leadership Seminar: Level 1

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

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Sponsored by

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

The 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 **new 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 similar graduate courses 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 2014 calendar 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 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 will meet 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., on June 9-10, and August 5, 2014. Three follow-up sessions will be scheduled—one each in October, November, and December (4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., dates to be determined by participants) to ensure project continuity and support. All sessions will be held at Hastings Middle School, 1850 Hastings Lane, Upper Arlington, 43220 in the Media Center. Participants will have an **option of 2-3 semester hours of graduate credit through Ashland University or CEUs.**

*Learning with Purpose . . . Sewing with Passion!*

## 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, and the “Growing Together” Service-Learning Network, **we are able to offer additional resources and support for participation in the Service-Learning Leadership Seminar.** This includes:

- lots of resources and ideas for “best practices”
- curriculum integration strategies, with particular emphasis on Common Core, authentic applications of 21st Century Skills, and multiple intelligences
- ongoing access to support from “Growing Together” program staff members and Service-Learning Building Leaders
- validation of contact hours connected to the Seminar and related follow-up activities
- **options for 2-3 semester hours of Ashland University graduate credit (paid by participant)**
- **access to mini-grants** as needed to support costs of service-learning projects resulting from the Seminar

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**How to register:** Complete the registration form at <http://www.partnershipsmakeadifference.org/mhj-level-1-2014-registration.html> as soon as possible. *Space is limited to the first 40 registrants.*

The Service-Learning Leadership Seminar, all handouts, and refreshments are provided **free of charge**. Participants are responsible for tuition costs if they choose to take the Seminar for graduate credit.

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## Questions?

Contact Ellen Erlanger or Kathy Meyer, 614.488.3459, or [info@partnershipsmakeadifference.org](mailto:info@partnershipsmakeadifference.org).

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