

# The 35th Annual National Service-Learning Conference® Agenda At a Glance

## Day 1 - April 3

**1:00 PM - 4:30 PM**

### **DEEP DIVE LEARNING SESSION: EMPOWERING YOUTH VOICE FOR CHANGE**

Calling all Educators! Unlock the potential of youth-adult partnerships with our featured session! This dynamic workshop offers comprehensive insights and abundant resources to foster collaborative relationships between young leaders and adults. Dive into interactive discussions led by expert youth and adult leaders, where you'll explore effective strategies to build mutual respect and shared decision-making processes. Gain practical insights and hands-on tools to implement youth-adult partnerships and lift up the power of youth voice in your organization, classroom and community.

[Register for free!](#)

**1:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

### **THE POWER OF YOUNG PEOPLE YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**

Calling all young people! You're invited to join us for a unique leadership experience hosted by our Youth Advisory Council. This summit is for young people who are interested in youth leadership development, igniting their voice, and solving pressing issues!

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## Day 2 - April 4

**8:00 AM - 8:45 AM**

### **NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION**

**9:00 AM - 10:15 AM**

### **LIGHTNING TALKS**

**10:30 AM - 11:45 AM**

### **ENGAGED LEARNING SESSIONS**

**12:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

### **OPENING GENERAL ASSEMBLY LUNCHEON**

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### **SERVICE-LEARNING SHOWCASE AND EXHIBITS**

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### **NATIONAL SERVICE-LEARNING AWARDS PRESENTATION AND RECEPTION**

**8:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

### **YOUTH ROOM AND NETWORKING EVENTS**

## Day 3 - April 5

**8:30 AM - 9:45 AM**

### **LIGHTNING TALKS**

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## Day 4 - April 6

**8:30 AM - 3:00 PM**

### **DAY OF SERVICE**

Join us Saturday, April 6 as we collaborate with local partners to serve and celebrate. This fun and engaging day will bring participants together to serve, opening with a mini learning session on the service topic and closing with a whole-group reflection.

With four different options to choose from, there's something for everyone during the Day of Service. Check out the service sites below, and register for your Day of Service opportunity now. NYLC will provide transportation, a tshirt, and lunch for all Day of Service participants.

Please note that youth need to sign up for the same service site as their adult leader! Registration closes March 22.

[Register here.](#)

# SPECIAL EVENTS AND PLENARY SESSIONS

## Day 2 - Thursday, April 4

**8:00 AM - 8:45 AM**

### **NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION**

**LOCATION: MR2**

Are you new to the National Service-Learning Conference? Have you attended the conference in the past but need a refresher? Join our on-site orientation to help you maximize your time and learning before the conference. We'll cover preparing for the conference, how to get involved and engage with youth at the conference tips on networking, and more!

**12:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

### **OPENING GENERAL ASSEMBLY LUNCHEON**

**LOCATION: BALLROOM ABC**

Join us for lunch and an electrifying plenary session that promises to be the highlight of the conference! Immerse yourself in the practice and research with our youth civic action research and service learning panel, where leaders share their inspiring stories of community impact and social change. Be captivated by the thought-provoking keynote address from our conference host, as they offer profound insights and a compelling vision for the future of service-learning. And don't miss the riveting presentation by a distinguished Minnesota author and former teacher, whose words will resonate long after the session ends, weaving together literary prowess and lived experiences to ignite a passion for social justice and education.

**7:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**LOCATION: BALLROOM ABC**

### **NATIONAL SERVICE-LEARNING AWARDS PRESENTATION AND RECEPTION**

Join us for an inspiring evening celebrating the impact of service-learning at the National Service-Learning Awards Ceremony! Be part of a special event honoring individuals and organizations who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to service and learning in their communities. From innovative projects addressing local challenges to remarkable student achievements, this ceremony showcases the transformative power of service-learning initiatives nationwide. Join us as we recognize and applaud the passion, creativity, and commitment of those making a difference through service. It's an opportunity to be inspired, connect with like-minded changemakers, and celebrate the collective effort to create positive change in the world.

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**LOCATION: MR2**

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## Day 3 - Friday, April 5

**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

### **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**LOCATION: BALLROOM ABC**

Prepare to be inspired and uplifted at Friday's plenary session, where we shine a spotlight on young people changing the world! Join us as we celebrate the extraordinary achievements and groundbreaking initiatives of youth leaders who are making a tangible difference in their communities and beyond. From innovative social enterprises to grassroots activism, these young changemakers are redefining what it means to drive positive change in today's world. Be captivated by their stories of resilience, determination, and unwavering commitment to creating a brighter future for all. This session is not just about listening; it's about being part of a movement, igniting your own passion for action, and discovering the endless possibilities when empowered youth take center stage. Don't miss this opportunity to be inspired and motivated by the next generation of global leaders. Join us and be a part of the change!

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### **CREATING CHANGE THROUGH THE LENS OF KINDNESS AND EMPATHY**

**Presented by: Cheyenne Rosado, Thais Salas, Avery Kelley**

**Audience: K-12 Students**

Are you interested in tackling an issue that you're passionate about? Or learning how to get started? Join our workshop tailored for high school students where you can explore ways to create change and do it through the lens of kindness and empathy. You'll be able to meet like minded students and strategize on how to create a kinder world.

### **LEVERAGING YOUR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES FOR CAREERS & COLLEGE SKILL**

**Presented by: Kamryn Ryan, Kathlyn Wagner**

**Audience: All participants**

Discover tips and tricks for leveraging your volunteer experience on resumes and college applications! This talk is perfect for students and/or AmeriCorps members who are interested in discovering careers in service or how to best articulate their volunteer service within the professional realm. Participants will leave this talk with a stronger resume and essential career-building resources!

### **MHAYA (MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS IN YOUNG ATHLETES)**

**Presented by: Anya Kawlekar, Ayan Kawlekar**

**Audience: All participants**

MHAYA's lightning talk will include an overview of mental health in general, and in athletes, and why it is so important to know. It will teach participants how to notice when someone needs help, ways to help them, and how to find effective resources. Finally, this talk will help spread awareness and bring the community together to fight against the stigma surrounding mental health in athletes.

### **PONDER WHILE YOU PEE**

**Presented by: Claire Wallace, Emily Bergen**

**Audience: All participants**

Students will present samples of and templates for building your own ponder while you pee public relation sheets.

### **PUTTING A PERIOD TO PERIOD POVERTY**

**Presented by: Anoushka Jha, Indra Khariwala, Aditi Jha**

**Audience: All participants**

The students who founded Shakti International, a nonprofit organization aimed at eradicating period poverty, explain the negative impact of a lack of period products, the story behind the creation of Shakti, and their experiences along the way.

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### LOCATION: BALLROOM ABC

#### READY-TO-GO SERVICE LEARNING PROJECTS

**Presented by:** Maria Landrum

**Audience:** All participants, CBOs/Nonprofit Organizations/AmeriCorps Staff

Explore developing community partnerships and service projects for educators with limited resources and/or intimidated by grant writing.

#### SCALE UP: SERVICE LEARNING MIDDLE SCHOOL IMPLEMENTATION

**Presented by:** Ashley Chase

**Audience:** K-12 Educators, K-12 Students

Learn how to implement a building-wide middle school service learning project for both students and staff! From training to implementation, discover how Waterloo Schools developed programs for their local community and across the nation!

#### SELF IDENTITY: IN YOU OR ON YOU

**Presented by:** Vernice Heard

**Audience:** All participants

Come join me to learn about the post-undergraduate Shinnyo Fellowship and how I, as a 2023-2024 Shinnyo Fellow, continue to embark on my Path to Peace through self-reflection and self-identification in professional spaces. I will also be sharing how the challenges in my personal Path to Peace connects to my work in social reentry after incarceration through the Prison and Justice Initiative.

#### SERVICE-LEARNING AS LAB FOR LEADERSHIP LEARNING

**Presented by:** Marianne Lorensen, L.J. McElravy

**Audience:** HE Faculty and Staff, College Students

There are benefits and challenges to academic service-learning. Learn how one public university has navigated the challenges of campus and community partnerships in order to engage students in meaningful leadership learning--and how new campus partnerships have expanded the opportunities, the benefits, AND the challenges. Worth it? We hope so!

#### SERVICE-LEARNING IN A FLASH

**Presented by:** Tara Wilson, Clark Moreland

**Audience:** All participants, HE Faculty and Staff

During this session, participants will learn about a regional, comprehensive university's journey implementing service-learning in a flash! This session will provide information on how to support fellow faculty members and some advice based off of what our university has learned thus far.

#### STATE SERVICE COMMISSIONS – PARTNERS IN SERVICE

**Presented by:** Allison Zuel

**Audience:** All participants

Join America's Service Commissions (ASC) for a crash course in state service commissions. The service commission network is a great resource for organizations in the youth service and service-learning space as well as youth who are interested in expanding their service experience. Join us to hear about potential avenues of collaboration and engagement.

#### STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY COMPETENCE WITH SERVICE-LEARNING

**Presented by:** Carla Gellert, Sandra Zentner

**Audience:** All participants

Learn and discuss the potential of Service-Learning for democracy competence! How can you as a teacher or educator strengthen this highly important competence in (your) students? Why does reflection matter so much? Get to know a theoretical model that was developed with the Ludwig-Maximilian-University in Munich, Germany.

#### STUDENTS ADDRESSING FLOODING IN PHILADELPHIA

**Presented by:** Anthony Edmond-Pinckney

**Audience:** All participants

Students worked on how Philadelphia could save flooding areas. Students recorded data via KWL Chart, and Venn Diagram to come up with ways to save the flood lining areas. Students look at other areas which was effected by flooding and look at videos on making man made canals, rivers and how to do water sheds as well.

#### THIRST PROJECT & SERVICE LEADERSHIP

**Presented by:** Abby Wolfe

**Audience:** All participants

If you want to go fast in life, go alone, if you want to go far in life, go together. Thirst Project is on a mission to build a community of young people who are dedicated to going far in life, and seeing the world change in the process. Students and educators will learn about the global water crisis and how to take action in their communities.

#### TURNING REAL-WORLD LEARNING INTO AUTHENTIC STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

**Presented by:** James Toole

**Audience:** All participants

In service-learning, students don't just study biology. They become biologists. And they don't just study writing. They become authors. We'll explore together how we design such real-world experiences to maximize their impact on student engagement, development and academic achievement. James Toole, Ph.D. is a passionate advocate for real-world learning, and a consultant to schools and youth organizations nationally and internationally.



# DAY 2 - THURSDAY, APRIL 4 LIGHTNING TALKS AND ENGAGED LEARNING SESSIONS

## 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM LIGHTNING TALKS

### LOCATION: BALLROOM ABC

#### WATER CONSERVATION STARTS WITH YOU

Presented by: Michele Chan

Audience: All participants

Ever since the start of California's drought in the 1920s, not only did the water shortage get worse, but wildfires and ignorance toward climate change started to become the norm. Educators and community leaders don't have to wait for policymakers to fix the issue. We can educate the next generation of leaders on how native plants can help fight drought and conserve water.

#### WELCOME TO THE CHANGEMAKER CHALLENGES!

Presented by: Katie Kim, Alina Kalmeyer

Audience: All youth, All participants

Are you taking action to lead change in your community? Come learn about the Changemaker Challenges, a unique social change program spanning 32 countries, with over 500,000 young participants and counting! We're bringing young people together to solve problems, lead change, and take their social impact to the next level.

#### WHAT'S YOUR SPARK? CREATING PITCHES WITH PASSION

Presented by: Hayley Krawitz

Audience: All participants

Unlock your potential to connect authentically with others in our What's Your Spark? session. Learn to share your passions confidently, adapt to your audience, and craft compelling stories. Acquire valuable communication skills, conquer challenges, and build genuine connections. Join us on a journey of self-discovery and growth as you gain the tools to make a lasting and professional impact.

## 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM ENGAGED LEARNING SESSIONS

#### ACTUALIZING OUR INFINITE PATHS TO PEACE THROUGH POST-UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

Presented by: Cassy Huang, Ella Gray, Vanessa Torres, Vernice Heard

Audience: HE Faculty and Staff

LOCATION: MR5

What is your path to peace? Attend this session to meet the 2023-2024 Shinnyo Fellows and listen to their reflections & experience in a unique post-undergraduate fellowship. Engage in an interactive reflective activity designed to help you discover your path to peace.

#### GET SUPPORT TO HOST A CITIZENSHIP FAIR WITH MYIMPACT CHALLENGE

Presented by: Rachel Davison Humphries, Adam Brickley

Audience: All adults

LOCATION: MR6

Gain support to host your own civics fair! The Bill of Rights Institute is committed to launching civics fairs across the country, and you can be part of the action! Judge a mock civics fair using the MyImpact Challenge rubric and learn how the Bill of Rights Institute can help plan a fair in your community.

#### HOW TO CHANGE HOW YOU SEE THE WORLD

Presented by: James Toole

Audience: All adults

LOCATION: MR8

French author Marcel Proust wrote: "The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but on having new eyes." This interactive and fun workshop will challenge participants to test how they see the world now, and how making changes in that can open up new possibilities for improving schools and communities." Dr. James Toole teaches youth social entrepreneurs globally that are tackling everything from unemployment in rural Ghana to improving health care in Peru's public hospitals. Parts of his curriculum on social innovation and entrepreneurship are used in 24 countries and focus on seeing the world with new eyes.

#### MORE THAN A REQUIREMENT: CREATING AND SCALING HIGH IMPACT K-12 SERVICE PROGRAMS

Presented by: George Luc

Audience: K-12 Educators

LOCATION: MR7

Are you ready to take your school's service program to the next level? In this workshop we will help you take stock of your current programs, identify goals and challenges and strategize on how to get from here to your dreams. You'll learn how technology-based solutions, such as GivePulse, can help you connect with community partners, promote service opportunities and track your students' impact.

#### NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT ESSENTIALS: PRACTICAL SKILLS FOR YOUNG LEADERS

Presented by: Katy Dolan

Audience: All youth

LOCATION: MR3

Ready to turn your service project into a full-fledged nonprofit, or just curious about the world of nonprofit management? Join us for an accessible but comprehensive workshop that will demystify the basics of running a nonprofit organization - tailored for young people eager to make an impact. This session will equip you with the foundational knowledge and skills to lead (or contribute to) a nonprofit organization.

# DAY 2 - THURSDAY, APRIL 4 LIGHTNING TALKS AND ENGAGED LEARNING SESSIONS

## 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM ENGAGED LEARNING SESSIONS

### PROJECT BLUE STAR: STUDENTS TACKLING PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES BY COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

Presented by: Fyzeen Ahmad, India Ratha, Alex Walk, Aditeya Biswas, Aanya Pandey, Beth Fenstad, Sarah Schmidt, Melissa Lyon

Audience: All participants

LOCATION: MR2

Learn from high school students about how principles of community organizing helped develop Project Blue Star, an intergenerational solution to the intergenerational issues of isolation and ageism. Participants will learn how this model has allowed students from around Minnesota to grow valuable skills by organizing a solution to pervasive but under-addressed problems in their communities.

### RESEARCH TO EMPOWER THE NEXT GENERATION OF YOUNG RESEARCHERS

Presented by: Grace Liu

Audience: All participants

LOCATION: MR9

Research empowers us to pursue interests, learn practical skills, and combat misinformation. There's a huge demand from students to learn research, yet a lack of proper support. Research to Empower's workshop promotes equity & engagement in education while teaching how to make research a fun journey with a healthy dose of funny behind-the-scenes-of-research stories and vibrant activities.

### PUBLIC HISTORY AS PUBLIC SERVICE: CONNECTING RURAL STUDENTS TO COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Presented by: Jessica Ellison

Audience: K-12 Educators

LOCATION: MR4

Sharing histories of our local places is empowering, especially for young people growing up in rural areas. Learn about the ways rural educators are building students' historical thinking skills and investment in their places with public history projects, created in collaboration with local community partners.

## 2:45 PM - 4:00 PM ENGAGED LEARNING SESSIONS

### BUILDING TEAM CULTURE THROUGH EASY AND AWESOME ACTIVITIES

Presented by: Jennifer Brownz, Claire Wallace, Lucas Rosenthal, Emily Bergen

Audience: All participants

LOCATION: MR3

Learn about your leadership style and take away fun activity plans to build team culture.

### ENGAGING PARENTS (AND FAMILIES) IN SERVICE LEARNING

Presented by: MiaLisa Millares

Audience: All participants

LOCATION: MR8

Creating fun, meaningful opportunities for families to serve others can be a joyful way to nurture social connections and a sense of purpose, all while making a meaningful difference for your community. Learn more about the many-layered and timely benefits family service learning can have on youth outcomes, family bonds, and community culture. Explore various strategies for on-the-spot and virtual family service opportunities that spark the spirit of giving, and discover innovative tools that encourage big-hearted reflection before, during, and after the service learning occurs.

### FROM STRIVE TO THRIVE: LIFTING STUDENT MOTIVATION AND ACHIEVEMENT

Presented by: Rebecca Faintich, Heather Eagan, Angela Kelly

Audience: K-12 Educators

LOCATION: MR4

K-12 Educators will get a glimpse into one middle school's experience with how a preschool service project blossomed into a course blending reading and math interventions with service learning. We will explore the differences between community service, community-based learning, and service learning, and analyze current opportunities in our own schools that lead to meaningful service learning.

### LOVE IN ACTION: CREATING A YEAR-END CELEBRATION OF SERVICE

Presented by: Jenni Anderson

Audience: All adults

LOCATION: MR2

Learn how to create a large-scale celebration of service-learning that provides students and community partners with the opportunity to share their experiences and to recognize the need for further action in the community. Connect context, experience, action, and reflection to empower student and partner voices and to recognize a year of accomplishments.

# DAY 2 - THURSDAY, APRIL 4 LIGHTNING TALKS AND ENGAGED LEARNING SESSIONS

## 2:45 PM - 4:00 PM ENGAGED LEARNING SESSIONS

### **SERVICE LEARNING AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT: A PARTNERSHIP**

**Presented by:** Rosemary Pezzuto

**Audience:** Afterschool Professionals

**LOCATION:** MR5

Join us for an engaging workshop on Service Learning in an out of school time. This will include programs that are school based, community based, and partner based. We will share programs that are delivered with fee for services as well as those that are funded by grants and contracts. Individuals will discuss programing, recruitment, supervision, partnerships, and risk management.

### **TURNING THINKING INTO ACTION: MAKE AN IMPACT WITH COMMUNITY PROBLEM SOLVING**

**Presented by:** Caitlin Hutsell

**Audience:** All adults

**LOCATION:** MR6

Teaching students how to think, not what to think, is imperative as we ask young people to create a better future. Community Problem Solving bridges the gap between school and community, empowering students & developing agency. In this session, explore strategies that will prepare students for citizenship in a global society through critical and creative thinking, competition, and collaboration.

### **YOUTH VOICE & YOUTH-LED PLANNING: THE CADET CHANGE TOOL**

**Presented by:** Curt LaFond

**Audience:** Afterschool professionals

**LOCATION:** MR7

Most YSOs want to support youth-initiated, youth-led planning, but too often, teens' efforts are stymied by adultism or for lack of assistance. The "Cadet Change Tool" is a recipe-like aid that supports youth voice/authentic decision-making in a club context. The tool prompts an empathy-informed view of stakeholders, facilitating a back-and-forth dialogue for nitty-gritty planning.

## 4:15 PM - 5:30 PM ENGAGED LEARNING SESSIONS

### **EVALUATING CIVIC YOUTH WORK**

**Presented by:** Ross Velure Roholt

**Audience:** All adults

**LOCATION:** MR2

Engage in a dynamic exploration of best practices for evaluating the impact of civic youth civic within educational contexts. This workshop is designed for educators passionate about nurturing active and informed citizens. Through practical exercises, participants will gain valuable insights into designing robust evaluation frameworks, measuring outcomes, and empowering students to reflect on their civic engagement. Join us to elevate your approach to assessing and celebrating the meaningful impact of youth-driven civic initiatives.

### **NAVIGATING THE MEDIA MAZE**

**Presented by:** Beth Nickle

**Audience:** K-12 Educators

**LOCATION:** MR5

In an era where information flows abundantly, empowering our K-12 students with essential media literacy skills is paramount. This workshop dives into the multifaceted landscape of media literacy, providing educators with practical strategies to equip students with critical thinking, discernment, and responsible engagement with media. Participants will explore activities for diverse grade levels, fostering a generation of media-savvy learners prepared to navigate the complexities of the digital world.

### **SERVICE-LEARNING SYNERGY: UNVEILING BEST PRACTICES FOR TRANSFORMATIVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**Presented by:** Julie Rogers Bascom

**Audience:** All adults

**LOCATION:** MR7

Join NYLC for an immersive workshop designed to explore and dissect the best practices in service-learning, elevating your approach to community engagement. This session goes beyond theory, providing practical insights and actionable strategies for creating impactful, sustainable, and mutually beneficial service-learning experiences. Whether you're an educator, community leader, or involved in civic initiatives, this workshop will equip you with the tools and knowledge to enhance the quality and effectiveness of your service-learning programs.

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4:15 PM - 5:30 PM ENGAGED LEARNING

## SESSIONS

### TACKLE 4 BARRIERS TO INCREASING YOUTH PARTICIPATION & SOCIAL CAPITAL

**Presented by:** Mike Minks

**Audience:** All adults

**LOCATION:** MR8

Explore the four most common barriers to youth participation in volunteering & service, voting & civic engagement, and joining & leadership as well as the results of two national prevalence surveys (one of K-12 school principals and one of afterschool, youth development, community-based, and faith-based organization staff). Learn how to identify barriers to youth participation in your school, organization, or community; develop a plan to address them; and access resources in YSA's Youth Service Connector.

### THE MENLO-ATHERTON SERVICE LEARNING CENTER: AN INNOVATIVE DESIGN RESPONSIVE TO STUDENT NEEDS

**Presented by:** Emiko Edmunds

**Audience:** All participants

**LOCATION:** MR4

Discover the insights, lessons learned and stories of youth and staff leaders of the Menlo-Atherton Service-Learning Center. Modeled after the Stanford Haas Center for Public Service, our center works to provide equally accessible service opportunities, empowering students of all backgrounds to find purpose by serving the community. This session will examine our approach to centralizing, integrating and fostering service-learning at the high school level through service days, immersion trips, student clubs and more.

### YOUTH AS SOLUTIONS: SOLVING THE WORLD'S MOST PRESSING PROBLEMS

**Presented by:** Anthony Le

**Audience:** All participants

**LOCATION:** MR9

Youth as Solutions is creating a generation of citizens who are passionate about making a positive impact in their schools and communities by addressing one of these areas of impact: community health, educational equity, and environmental justice. Join this session to learn from peers from across the country who are using service-learning to change the world!

### YOUTH LEADERSHIP THROUGH PROJECT CITIZEN: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN PUBLIC POLICY

**Presented by:** Michael Blauw

**Audience:** All participants

**LOCATION:** MR6

Youth Leadership through Project Citizen - a hands-on, inquiry-based experience that encourages participants to engage with public policy issues. Participants will learn how they can identify and study public policy issues, evaluate alternative policies, and develop policy solutions. Learn how this fun and flexible program inspires young people to participate in community service and informed engagement!



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**Presented by:** Kamryn Ryan, Kathlyn Wagner

**Audience:** All participants

Discover tips and tricks for leveraging your volunteer experience on resumes and college applications! This talk is perfect for students and/or AmeriCorps members who are interested in discovering careers in service or how to best articulate their volunteer service within the professional realm. Participants will leave this talk with a stronger resume and essential career-building resources!

### MHAYA (MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS IN YOUNG ATHLETES)

**Presented by:** Anya Kawlekar, Ayan Kawlekar

**Audience:** All participants

MHAYA's lightning talk will include an overview of mental health in general, and in athletes, and why it is so important to know. It will teach participants how to notice when someone needs help, ways to help them, and how to find effective resources. Finally, this talk will help spread awareness and bring the community together to fight against the stigma surrounding mental health in athletes.

### NATIONAL DAYS OF SERVICE + SERVICEVOTE + 50% YOUTH PARTICIPATION BY AMERICA 250

**Presented by:** Mike Minks

**Audience:** All participants

Learn how you can join one of YSA's campaigns to increase youth volunteering & service (National Days of Service), voting & civic engagement (ServiceVote), and joining & leadership development (50% Youth Participation by America 250) and how to use the new Youth Service Connector to access the partners, programs, and resources that can support your work.

### PONDER WHILE YOU PEE

**Presented by:** Claire Wallace, Emily Bergen

**Audience:** All participants

Students will present samples of and templates for building your own ponder while you pee public relation sheets.

### PUTTING A PERIOD TO PERIOD POVERTY

**Presented by:** Anoushka Jha, Indra Khariwala, Aditi Jha

**Audience:** All participants

The students who founded Shakti International, a nonprofit organization aimed at eradicating period poverty, explain the negative impact of a lack of period products, the story behind the creation of Shakti, and their experiences along the way.

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## 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM LIGHTNING TALKS

LOCATION: BALLROOM ABC

### READY-TO-GO SERVICE LEARNING PROJECTS

Presented by: Maria Landrum

Audience: All participants, CBOs/Nonprofit Organizations/AmeriCorps Staff

Explore developing community partnerships and service projects for educators with limited resources and/or intimidated by grant writing.

### RILEY'S WAY CHAPTERS

Presented by: Thais Salas

Audience: All adults, All youth

Do you want to be part of an organization that supports the next generation of kind leaders? Are you interested in creating change in your community through a lens of kindness and empathy? Are you a high school or college student looking for youth-led initiatives? Come learn about the Rileys Way Chapters! We will provide case studies and fun interactive activities!

### SCALE UP: SERVICE LEARNING MIDDLE SCHOOL IMPLEMENTATION

Presented by: Ashley Chase

Audience: K-12 Educators, K-12 Students

Learn how to implement a building-wide middle school service learning project for both students and staff! From training to implementation, discover how Waterloo Schools developed programs for their local community and across the nation!

### SELF IDENTITY: IN YOU OR ON YOU

Presented by: Vernice Heard

Audience: All participants

Come join me to learn about the post-undergraduate Shinnyo Fellowship and how I, as a 2023-2024 Shinnyo Fellow, continue to embark on my Path to Peace through self-reflection and self-identification in professional spaces. I will also be sharing how the challenges in my personal Path to Peace connects to my work in social reentry after incarceration through the Prison and Justice Initiative.

### SERVICE-LEARNING AS LAB FOR LEADERSHIP LEARNING

Presented by: Marianne Lorensen, L.J. McElravy

Audience: HE Faculty and Staff, College Students

There are benefits and challenges to academic service-learning. Learn how one public university has navigated the challenges of campus and community partnerships in order to engage students in meaningful leadership learning-- and how new campus partnerships have expanded the opportunities, the benefits, AND the challenges. Worth it? We hope so!

### SERVICE-LEARNING IN A FLASH

Presented by: Tara Wilson, Clark Moreland

Audience: All participants, HE Faculty and Staff

During this session, participants will learn about a regional, comprehensive university's journey implementing service-learning in a flash! This session will provide information on how to support fellow faculty members and some advice based off of what our university has learned thus far.

### STATE SERVICE COMMISSIONS - PARTNERS IN SERVICE

Presented by: Allison Zuel

Audience: All participants

Join America's Service Commissions (ASC) for a crash course in state service commissions. The service commission network is a great resource for organizations in the youth service and service-learning space as well as youth who are interested in expanding their service experience. Join us to hear about potential avenues of collaboration and engagement.

### STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY COMPETENCE WITH SERVICE-LEARNING

Presented by: Carla Gellert, Sandra Zentner

Audience: All participants

Learn and discuss the potential of Service-Learning for democracy competence! How can you as a teacher or educator strengthen this highly important competence in (your) students? Why does reflection matter so much? Get to know a theoretical model that was developed with the Ludwig-Maximilian-University in Munich, Germany.

### STUDENTS ADDRESSING FLOODING IN PHILADELPHIA

Presented by: Anthony Edmond-Pinckney

Audience: All participants

Students worked on how Philadelphia could save flooding areas. Students recorded data via KWL Chart, and Venn Diagram to come up with ways to save the flood lining areas. Students look at other areas which was effected by flooding and look at videos on making man made canals, rivers and how to do water sheds as well.

### THIRST PROJECT & SERVICE LEADERSHIP

Presented by: Abby Wolfe

Audience: All participants

If you want to go fast in life, go alone, if you want to go far in life, go together. Thirst Project is on a mission to build a community of young people who are dedicated to going far in life, and seeing the world change in the process. Students and educators will learn about the global water crisis and how to take action in their communities.

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## 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM LIGHTNING TALKS

**LOCATION: BALLROOM ABC**

**UC BERKELEY PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER (PSC) -- A HUB FOR SERVICE & TRANSFORMATIVE SOCIAL CHANGE**

**Presented by: Cassy Huang, Vanessa Torres**

**Audience: HE Faculty and Staff, CBOs/Nonprofit Organizations/AmeriCorps Staff**

Join us to hear and learn about UC Berkeley's Public Service Center and how we bring together students, faculty and community members to harness their collective wisdom in support of social justice, civic engagement, and transformative social change! We will highlight our program success as well as challenges as we all work towards a more just and equitable world.

### **WATER CONSERVATION STARTS WITH YOU**

**Presented by: Michele Chan**

**Audience: All participants**

Ever since the start of California's drought in the 1920s, not only did the water shortage get worse, but wildfires and ignorance toward climate change started to become the norm. Educators and community leaders don't have to wait for policymakers to fix the issue. We can educate the next generation of leaders on how native plants can help fight drought and conserve water.

### **WELCOME TO THE CHANGEMAKER CHALLENGES!**

**Presented by: Katie Kim, Alina Kalmeyer**

**Audience: All youth, All participants**

Are you taking action to lead change in your community? Come learn about the Changemaker Challenges, a unique social change program spanning 32 countries, with over 500,000 young participants and counting! We're bringing young people together to solve problems, lead change, and take their social impact to the next level.

### **WHAT'S YOUR SPARK? CREATING PITCHES WITH PASSION**

**Presented by: Hayley Krawitz**

**Audience: All participants**

Unlock your potential to connect authentically with others in our What's Your Spark? session. Learn to share your passions confidently, adapt to your audience, and craft compelling stories. Acquire valuable communication skills, conquer challenges, and build genuine connections. Join us on a journey of self-discovery and growth as you gain the tools to make a lasting and professional impact.

## 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM ENGAGED LEARNING SESSIONS

**BRINGING SERVICE INTO FOCUS: HOW TO ELEVATE THE IMPACT OF SERVICE-LEARNING PROJECTS**

**Presented by: Sarah Butzow, Cooper High School Students In Action Team Members**

**Audience: All participants**

**LOCATION: MR2**

Bringing Service into Focus equips participants with the skills to facilitate impactful service learning. This workshop guides students, educators, and others in understanding what defines a healthy community, mapping community assets, and conducting needs assessments. Participants learn to tailor service effectively, ensuring maximum impact and fostering sustainable change within communities.

**ENGAGE YOUR PEERS TO HELP INCREASE YOUTH PARTICIPATION, BELONGING, AND MATTERING**

**Presented by: Mike Minks**

**Audience: All youth**

**LOCATION: MR4**

1 in 4 young people in America regularly participate in their communities - that's you! We need your leadership to engage the other 75% of your peers. Explore the four most common barriers to youth participation in volunteering & service, voting & civic engagement, and joining & leadership. Learn how to identify barriers to youth participation in your school, program, or community; develop a plan to address them; and access resources in YSA's Youth Service Connector.

**FOCUSING ON SCHOOL'S FOURTH "R": RELATIONSHIPS**

**Presented by: James Toole**

**Audience: All participants**

**LOCATION: MR8**

The path to a good life, a positive school atmosphere, and a successful service project all goes through students' ability to form great relationships with others. In this highly interactive workshop, we'll look practically at the social skills students require to succeed in all those endeavors, as well as program models that use students as resources to make them happen. Drs. James and Pamela Toole led an award-winning peer helping/ peer counseling program, originally funded by the National Institute for Mental Health, for 15 years.

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## 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM ENGAGED LEARNING SESSIONS

### GROWING COMMUNITY STEWARDS ON THE WAI`ANAЕ COAST

**Presented by:** Kay Fukuda, Jameil Saez, Kanoelani Nao, Asia Engle

**Audience:** All participants

**LOCATION:** MR5

During this interactive session, participants will learn about Pua Kaiāulu, a five-week summer leadership program for Hawai`i`s Wai`anae Coast high school students that connect youth back to the `āina (land) as a source of strength; increase students` awareness of their community`s natural resources/environment; and increase their collective sense of community kuleana (responsibility).

### MYIMPACT CHALLENGE: A NATIONAL CIVIC ENGAGEMENT CONTEST

**Presented by:** Rachel Davison Humphries, Adam Brickley

**Audience:** All participants

**LOCATION:** MR6

Learn about the MyImpact Challenge, a national civic engagement project contest, offering prizes of up to \$10,000 (\$40,000 in total prizes) for projects creating impact. Learn how to use this contest and its optional six-lesson curricular supplement to encourage service projects that are tailored to the needs of local communities, designed by students, and geared toward civil discourse.

### TECH FOR IMPACT: COMBINING SOFTWARE AND SOCIAL GOOD

**Presented by:** Katy Dolan

**Audience:** All youth, All youth

**LOCATION:** MR3

Interested in the intersection of technology and social impact? Discover the thriving impact tech sector, with endless opportunities to integrate technology and service/advocacy. We'll explore the breadth of impact tech, discussing both existing solutions and how to approach a new project. Join us if you're a young person (or adult!) interested in leveraging tech for your service or advocacy work, and/or if you're interested in creating a new impact tech project.

### THE INDEPENDENT YOUTH SERVICE LEADER

**Presented by:** Kristy Verdi

**Audience:** All youth

**LOCATION:** MR9

You! High school student! Do you need service hours? Why not create your own unique opportunity to serve and develop as a leader? Join me for a quick tutorial on planning impactful service activities with enormous reciprocal impact. Get your hours and much, much more!

### VOTERAMA: SPRING INTO THE 2024 ELECTIONS

**Presented by:** Caryn Scheel

**Audience:** All Participants

**LOCATION:** MR7

Elections have an impact on students, but many people don't realize that teachers and students can have a huge impact on elections as well. Through partnerships with local election officials and nonprofits, you and your students can help democracy run smoothly. In this workshop teachers will learn about service-learning project that include exploring voter data, improving poll worker training, testifying at legislative committees, improving elections security, and inspiring through community art. You'll leave with tips on building long-term partnerships and a plan to get started.

## 2:30 PM - 3:45 PM ENGAGED LEARNING SESSIONS

### BLAZE YOUR OWN TRAIL- FROM SKILLS TO STORIES

**Presented by:** Hayley Krawitz

**Audience:** All participants

**LOCATION:** MR5

Join the "Blaze Your Own Trail Workshop" and gain the skills to express your identity, experiences, values, and community impact with confidence. This workshop fosters self-assurance in your personal journey, empowering you to confidently navigate the world. You'll also recognize your learnable skills and how your experiences can shape your future.

### INCREASING STUDENT AGENCY WITH STUDENT VOICE AND HUMAN-CENTERED DESIGN

**Presented by:** Gya Casado, Oliver Rowan, Bella Nikolov, Gya Casado, Aliyah Davis, Naomi Reyes, Alex Ruiz

**Audience:** All participants

**LOCATION:** MR2

Learn how to use human-centered design (HCD) to lead change within your school and school district. This workshop will teach you the core principles of HCD and how those principles can increase student agency and voice on your campus. You will also learn how to build a team, identify stakeholders, and navigate the change process.



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## 2:30 PM - 3:45 PM ENGAGED LEARNING SESSIONS

### NAVIGATING THE LANDSCAPE: STATE-LEVEL SUPPORT FOR SERVICE-LEARNING

Presented by: Amy Meuers

Audience: All participants

LOCATION: MR9

Unlock the full potential of service-learning by understanding and harnessing the support systems available at the state level. In this interactive workshop, participants will embark on a journey through the intricacies of state-level backing for service-learning initiatives. Whether you're an educator, policymaker, or community leader, this session equips you with the knowledge and strategies to leverage state resources for impactful and sustainable service-learning programs.

### SELF CARE FOR THE SERVICE-LEARNING PROFESSIONAL

Presented by: Roxanne Kruger

Audience: All adults

LOCATION: MR6

This session will create space for adult service-learning professionals to discuss and set goals for their own mindfulness and wellness habits. The first 25min of the workshop will include discussion and journaling, followed by a 40-min intro level yoga class. Participants should be dressed in comfortable clothing and bring a water bottle. Yoga mats will be provided.

### SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES IN SERVICE LEARNING

Presented by: Ryan Jeffery

Audience: K-12 Educators

LOCATION: MR3

"Help! I have a student about to get kicked off their service learning site!". Students with disabilities greatly benefit from the experiences they gain during service learning. Without proper behavior supports, these experiences may become barriers on their road to independence. Learn how to create Behavior Support Plans that will help your students get out of their own way.

### THE CHALLENGES OF MOVING FROM PASSION TO ACTION

Presented by: Robert Shumer, Paula Beugen or Joe Nathan

Audience: All participants

LOCATION: MR8

Service-Learning has been around for the past 55 years. While the passion for developing such programs has grown over the years, several issues and challenges have prevented it from becoming the basic educational process in schools and colleges. In this workshop we will discuss the challenges faced during that time and how some people/organizations have addressed those problems.

### THE COMPASS MODEL: SERVICE LEARNING STRUCTURES

Presented by: Julie Long, Daniel Salvaggio

Audience: K-12 Educators

LOCATION: MR7

Come gain an understanding of how a Network of 6 Charter schools in various urban communities of Memphis, TN implement a Service Learning program, participate in a small service project, and assist us as we navigate the next steps of program development.

### THE POWER OF YOURKIDS

Presented by: Katie Kim, Alina Kalmeyer

Audience: All adults

LOCATION: MR4

Calling all adult allies of young changemakers! Join us for a workshop discussion on how to best support the young people in our lives to thrive as changemakers in a rapidly changing world. You will leave the session with a deeper understanding of the challenges that young people are facing today, and practical strategies to support and empower the changemakers in your life along their journey.

## 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM ENGAGED LEARNING SESSIONS

### AMPLIFY YOUR IMPACT: FACILITATING YOUTH-CENTERED PARADIGM SHIFTS

Presented by: Laura Roye

Audience: All participants

LOCATION: MR7

Successfully shifting mindsets is the first step to creating transformative changes in our learning environments to positively influence work culture, students, & communities. In this workshop, participants will practice discourse, exercise growth mindset, & discuss empowering leadership strategies to facilitate youth-centered paradigm shifts and amplify passion-based, collaborative learning.

### CONVINCING POLICY-MAKERS TO SUPPORT SERVICE-LEARNING

Presented by: Joe Nathan, Khalique Rogers, Sage Hartman

Audience: All participants

LOCATION: MR5

Join this session to understand how & why policy-makers are expanding service-learning is the state of Minnesota and how you can work with policy-makers & the media in your community & state to expand service-learning.

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## 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM ENGAGED LEARNING SESSIONS

### EMPOWERING YOUTH VOICES IN POLICY AND COMMUNITY BUILDING

**Presented by:** Rhonda Holmes, Selin Korkmaz, Caitlyn Floyd

**Audience:** All adults

**LOCATION:** MR3

Uncover the power of youth voice and leadership councils in bridging generations and shaping policies. Empower attendees with proactive strategies, showcasing the influence of youth voices in policymaking. This fosters respect for adults and societal issues, nurturing positive generational interactions and mutual respect.

### IDENTIFYING THE RED AND GREEN FLAGS IN COMMUNITY-ENGAGED PARTNERSHIPS

**Presented by:** Amelia Risinit, Emily Atassi

**Audience:** All participants

**LOCATION:** MR6

This workshop will educate participants on how red and green flags present themselves in community-engaged partnerships. The activities aim to give participants the confidence needed to succeed in their partnerships by practicing the skills needed to address challenges directly. Presenters will debrief how students encounter red flags in community-engaged work and how they can work through them.

### MAKING IT PERSONAL: THE POWER OF SERVICE-LEARNING AND REFLECTION

**Presented by:** Brad Swanson, Ida Fiore

**Audience:** All participants

**LOCATION:** MR9

Discover transformative service-learning in 'Making It Personal: The Power of Reflection and Service.' Gain practical strategies to create impactful programs with SaLT's TEAMS Cycle and Guiding Principles. Personalize volunteer experiences and drive social impact. Don't miss this opportunity for inspiration

### SERVICE-LEARNING TEACHES SCIENCES AND CITIZENSHIP AT THE SAME TIME: WHY IT'S IMPORTANT AND HOW IT'S DONE AROUND THE WORLD

**Presented by:** Nieves Tapia

**Audience:** All participants

**LOCATION:** MR4

In traditional education, teaching Sciences and educating citizens were two very different things, with nothing to do with each other. Higher Education usually focused in Science, Research and professional training, considering their students were already active citizens. In our times, to actively participate in the discussions around the political agenda -weather is discussing climate change, mandatory vaccination, or bioethics- everybody should manage at least a basic scientific knowledge. To participate as an active citizen in community or global issues is not enough good will: scientific knowledge is needed to plan the most efficient answers to complex social and environmental problems. Service-learning experiences in Schools, Higher Education institutions and youth organizations around the world has shown how it is possible to teach Sciences and Citizenship at the same time. The workshop will showcase examples from Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America, and will invite participants to share their own experiences.

### YOU COME FIRST: BALANCING YOUR NEEDS BEFORE OTHERS

**Presented by:** TJ Squire, Angelina Villa, Aleeyah Hassan

**Audience:** College Students

**LOCATION:** MR8

This session will focus on the principle of balance and how to mindfully utilize self care practices in order for them to strengthen the relationship they have with themselves, and their communities. This workshop will offer participants the clarity and support they need in order to continue to do the healing and community work to which they are committed.

### YOUTH VOICE IN GOVERNMENT

**Presented by:** Caryn Scheel

**Audience:** All participants

**LOCATION:** MR2

In this session youth explore ways to have their voices heard on local issues. Participants will look at how cities make policy decisions and discover the places where young people speaking up can make a difference. Who do you talk to when you want change? We'll teach you how to find out and how to open doors. Youth will take part in a simulation, watch some quick video clips, and do on-the-spot research on local topics they care about. They will leave with action steps for what they can do as a group and as individuals.