

You're Invited



Congressional Field Hearing on Service-Learning

Thursday, April 16, 2009
9:30-Noon
TIES Building
1667 Snelling Ave. N.
St. Paul, MN 55108



You are invited to a field hearing hosted by U. S. Congresswoman Betty McCollum, along with the National Youth Leadership Council (NYLC) and Minnesota Campus Compact (MCC), to discuss service-learning's important role within national service programming. With the recent passage of the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, additional funds slated for service programs in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and the underlying commitment of President Obama's call for all Americans to serve their country, this hearing will call attention to these important national and state-wide issues.

Representative McCollum will open the event with introductory remarks, followed by highlights of the work of NYLC and MCC at both the state and national levels. Two panels will follow - the first on K-12 service-learning practices, followed by one on higher education. At 9:30AM, prior to the hearing, four trees will be planted to commemorate the contributions of Senators Kennedy, Durenberger, & Wellstone for their collective work in support of service-learning at the federal level, as well as for Ms. McCollum for her support in the House of Representatives.

Supporters of service-learning, K-16 education, and the public are invited to attend. Please send RSVPs to Ryan Majerus at ryan@mncampuscompact.org or 651-603-5084 including name and email address. Please share this invitation with others and dress for the weather. There is plenty of free parking available on the surface lots.

AGENDA

9:30AM-10:30AM: Tree Planting Ceremony

TIES Building, South Lawn

10:30AM-Noon: Field Hearing

TIES Building, Grand Hall

Welcome and Introductory remarks

Representative Betty McCollum (CD 4)

Jim Kielsmeier, President/CEO, National Youth Leadership Council

Julie Plaut, Executive Director, Minnesota Campus Compact

Michelle Kamenov, Service-Learning Specialist, Minnesota Department of Education

Jim Scheibel, Interim Executive Director, Minnesota Campus Compact, Moderator

Panel I from Webster Elementary School, St Paul

Lori Simon, Principal

Sue Vallafskey, Service-Learning Coach

Tina Willette, Service-Learning Coach

Amanda Musachio, 6th Grade Teacher and Club Leadership Advisor

Tiffany Berg, 6th Grade Teacher and Club Leadership Advisor

Students from Webster Magnet Elementary

Panel II from various Higher Education Institutions

Martha Malinski, Director of the Community Work and Learning Center,
College of St. Catherine

Paul Azen, Senior at Concordia University, St. Paul

Dr. Robert Blair, Associate Professor, Department of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation
Biology, University of Minnesota