



The Center for Educational Options 2016 Networking meetings

Social Justice: Developing Opportunities for Young People to Make a Difference

One of the most fundamental elements of a youth development approach is providing “opportunities for young people to contribute.” In a time when people are filling the streets to protest unjust police shootings, contentious national elections reveal a divided public and inequitable distribution of resources prevails across neighborhoods, youth practitioners need to partner with young people to tackle community and social issues. It is our responsibility to engage our young people around what is going on in the world in ways that are appropriate for our programs and for the age of the young people. Tapping into young people’s expertise and energy can produce benefits for youth, adults, programs and communities.

Sarah Zeller-Berkman, PhD, Coordinator of Youth Studies Initiatives John F. Kennedy Jr. Institute for Worker Education, CUNY School of Professional Studies and the Director of the Intergenerational Change Initiative, Public Science Project, CUNY Graduate Center will begin a conversation around youth participation, youth-adult partnerships and the inextricable links between community, social justice and youth development.

Network meetings provide opportunities for practitioners to talk informally with each other about their programs and their practice. By request, we added a half hour at the end so you have more time to network and chat.

Share your best practices and activities. Each Networking meeting brings together a variety of programs and practitioners – each with a wealth of experience and ideas that help us all as we continue to develop best practices. Everyone has something to offer.

Come make a difference!

Date: Thursday, November 3rd

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Place: Community Resource Exchange (CRE)

42 Broadway, 20th floor

Directions: Take the 1, R or W to Rector; 2, 3, 4 or 5 to Wall St.; J, M, or Z to Broad Street

Please RSVP by Monday, October 31st

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