

## **Service-Learning World Forum Saturday, March 27**

### **Session I 9:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m.**

#### **A Conversation with Carol Bellamy**

Don't miss this session that follows Carol Bellamy's keynote address. As the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Education for All/Fast Track Initiative and the former head of both World Learning and UNICEF, she is one of the world's leading authorities on the commitment to ensure youth people's right to participation in all levels of decision-making that affects them. Join Bellamy as she discusses the world's children and how to engage them in service-learning.

#### **The Power of ANYone with Talia Leman**

You heard her keynote address; now you can join Talia Leman in an in-depth conversation. As the CEO and founder of RandomKid, a nonprofit organization that helps kids help others, she has worked with kids from 20 countries and reported close to 10.5 million dollars for her RandomKid-guided initiatives. Leman was recently awarded the "Nobel Prize for Children."

#### **Service-Learning to the World with Eliseo Saldivar**

Presenter: Eliseo Saldivar, Service-Learning Coordinator, Harry D. Jacobs High School, IL, U.S.A.

Co-Presenters: Students from Harry D. Jacobs High School

Jacobs High School in Algonquin, Ill., had the honor of working with 40 countries this past year. Students from Jacobs traveled to Qatar and Pakistan, and have wonderful stories from their visits. This session will highlight what it takes to build successful global partnerships.

#### **The Generator School Network (GSN) and Its International Capacity**

Presenters: Anna Barker, Crosswinds Arts and Science School, Woodbury, MN, U.S.A.; Maria Rosa Tapia, CLAYSS, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Michael VanKeulen, NYLC, St. Paul, MN, U.S.A.

The GSN is a community of schools and teachers committed to expanding and sustaining best practices in service-learning. At the moment, most of its practitioners are U.S.-based, but we recognize the potential for it to become more international. Among the areas we will explore are: the relationship of to the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) to service-learning, and international interest in topics such as teen driver safety, HIV prevention, and access to clean water. Please bring your ideas. Help us increase the international potential of this network.

### **Cross-Cultural Service-Learning**

Presenter: Silvia Golombek, YSA, United States

Designed as a learning exchange among colleagues, this session will facilitate a conversation about the challenges, discoveries, and nuts and bolts solutions connected to cross-cultural service-learning projects. There are language issues to consider, different academic calendars and seasons, technology options, varied interpretations of service concepts, multiple academic standards requirements, and substantive differences in socio-cultural contexts, all of which can be opportunities for rich service-learning experiences.

### **Sparkling Community Action in Armenia**

Presenters: Josette Bonafino, MYX: Multicultural Youth eXchange, Philadelphia, PA, U.S.A.; Armenian Youth at the Tufenkian Foundation's Zangakatun Center in Vanadzor, Armenia

In August 2009, MYX: Multicultural Youth eXchange went to Armenia to teach local youth about community identity, the process of problem solving, and the importance of collaboration.

With the aid of a translator, conference participants will connect with these children via Skype, hearing about their experience first hand. Join the conversation and discuss how service-learning impacts communities, which are new to this teaching approach.

### **Europe Panel**

Presenters: Roser Batlle Suñer, Service-Learning Development Center of Catalonia, Spain; Adriaan Vonk, MOVISIE, Netherlands; Peter Hayes, Community Service Volunteers, United Kingdom; Hanneke Mateman, MOVISIE, Netherlands

This panel discussion will highlight service-learning strategies and frameworks employed across Europe. A number of successful projects across Europe will be highlighted.

### **Africa Panel**

Presenters: Dr. Arthur Ammann, Global Strategies for HIV Prevention, United States; Ahmed Ali, Somalia; Naomi Tutu, South Africa; Chelsie Frank, Christian Bilingual University of Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo; Paul Tshihamba, Christ Presbyterian Church, Democratic Republic of the Congo; Wokie Weah, National Youth Leadership Council, Liberia

Africa is shaped like a question mark, but we have service-learning answers! This panel provides an overview of the state of service-learning in Africa and will focus on the motivations, approaches, and strategies for service-learning across the continent. Panelists will discuss service-learning as a tool for institutional and community transformation and share their perspective on how African cultures can bring about new understandings for effective service-learning practice. Moderator Wokie Weah will challenge panelists to candidly discuss both opportunities and challenges.

### **Middle East Panel**

Presenters: Hisham Jabi, Education Development Center, Inc., Saudi Arabia; Len Traubman, United States; Libby Traubman, United States

Youth are more than 60 percent of the population in the Arab world. So, how could a culturally customized service-learning project make an impact in the Middle East? How could service-learning bring youth back to their communities, so that they might act as agents for positive change? This session will discuss these questions and highlight lessons learned from Project Ruwwad, a successful service-learning project in Palestine and lessons learned from Saudi Arabia. Audience interaction will be central to this session.

### **Pacific Rim Panel**

Presenters: Zong Ying Zhou, Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan; David J.C. Yen S.J., Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan

The seed of service-learning curriculum was planted at Fu Jen Catholic University more than 10 years ago. With the joint efforts of administrators, faculty, and students the paradigm established has been become a model for all universities in Taiwan. We will introduce the practice of service-learning at Fu Jen, including a description of the five service-learning courses developed.

## **Session II 10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

### **International Association for National Youth Service**

Location: Marriott Salon III

Presenter: Jean Manney, Innovations in Civic Participation

The International Association for National Youth Service (IANYS), a global network of youth civic engagement professionals, facilitates the exchange of information and best practices in youth service policies and programs and provides assistance to nations in introducing or improving youth service programs. This session will focus on lessons learned from IANYS and the Global Conference on National Youth Service.

### **Middle East Peace Trail**

Location: Marriott Guadalupe

Presenters: Reuven Gal, Israel

William James' 100-years-old vision of the "moral equivalent of war" can be implemented in our modern time in the form of thousands of Middle-East youth, coming from formerly adversarial nations, engaging in civic, humanistic, and environmental service programs. An audacious vision of a regional youth service program in the Middle East is the creation of a Middle East version of the Appalachian trail. Here the cross-regional trail will start in Egypt at the Nile Delta, cross the Sinai Peninsula and the Palestinian Gaza Strip into the southern Israeli Negev desert, go over the Jordanian Hills, and continue all the way to the Iraqi border. The mixed teams working along this trail will not only experience a road without borders, but also a collective accomplishment.

## **From My Generation to Yours**

Presenters: Michael VanKeulen, NYLC; Ahmed Ali, Heritage Math and Science Academy; \*Nassib Aden, 10th Grade Student at Heritage Math and Science Academy, Minneapolis, MN

Global justice is not only about reaching out from one community to another; it is also about creating connections among generations in order to increase justice. We present a vision that suggests large global issues require large/generational responses. This workshop introduces a rudimentary yet radical model of sustainable change inspired by service-learning principles and invites you to explore and implement the model with us. Divided into small groups, workshop participants will grapple with different aspects of the global water crisis (particularly as it affects the Raaso community of Ethiopia).

**Europe Panel (repeat)**

**Africa Panel (repeat)**

**Middle East Panel (repeat)**

**Pacific Rim Panel (repeat)**