

Applications

Applications are available for download at:

<http://community.ucsd.edu>

Applicants should:

1. Confirm their participation and clear on-going commitments with their supervisors
2. Clear the week entirely of other commitments and commit to full participation
3. Accept the principles on which the Institute will be based
4. Reflect upon their own facilitation skills and mental frames regarding these principles
5. Attend a pre-institute orientation session, **June 9, 2009 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Price Center East Forum.**
6. Commit to follow up activities on behalf of the UCSD community

Applications are due no later than April 1, 2009.

Selected participants will be notified by May 1, 2009.



Discussion Topics Include:

- Diversity Paradigms
- Shared Values Around Diversity
- Identity Development
- Intersectionality
- Skills Building



Building Communities
for Social Justice Practice
An Advanced Institute
July 6-10, 2009



A collaboration between the UC San Diego Campus Community Centers and the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs

Building Communities for Social Justice Practice

Building Communities for Social Justice Practice combines theory, lived experience and practice into a dynamic and interactive 5-day training institute. Participants learn a number of theoretical perspectives on social justice and community building. Participants explore their own lived experiences through lenses of power, privilege and oppression. Participants expand their existing skills in designing, promoting and presenting community building activities that focus on social justice practice. Institute faculty and participants share perspectives, experiences and activities in order to advance thinking, learning and a sense of community. Those interested in evolving understandings of diversity, community building and social justice initiatives should apply.



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

This Institute is more than a professional development opportunity, but rather a gathering of learners framed by a commitment of personal growth regarding issues of social justice. The institute functions as a learning collaborative for developing social justice leaders. It is a visible connection of the relationship and commitment of the Campus Community Centers (the Cross-Cultural Center, the Women's Center, and the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Resource Center) to Student Affairs and an extension of our shared mission towards supporting the Principles of Community and improving campus climate.

In order to change the University, we need to change our focus. How do history, power, privilege and inequality shape our views? In community with others different from ourselves, we change and are challenged by the intersections of identities, experiences, prejudices and world views.

In this context, social justice is not about "helping others" but about making sure individually and

collectively we are self-determining, self-expressing, and self-defining. This empowerment happens through learning to be collegial around social justice initiatives and learning to be in relationship to one another. In this process we are transformed, challenged and moved to enact social justice practice and possibilities.



The Institute is a train-the-trainer experience to create a cadre of committed and skilled individuals who can then provide a variety of learning opportunities to other community members. Workshops will become an imbedded part of the Student Affairs staff development program and will likely take many other forms as well, depending upon the positions and commitments of attendees and their departmental sponsors.

The institute will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day at the Cross-Cultural Center in Price Center East.