

To the International School Community:

We are delighted that you and your school are interested in service-learning! From our more than 25-year history, we can attest that students become more engaged in their learning, teachers have their passions reignited, and communities become stronger when service-learning is central to a curriculum.

The National Youth Leadership Council works to advance service-learning nationally and internationally, offering adult and youth trainings, developing model programs, supporting legislation, and convening practitioners annually in the National Service-Learning Conference. Each year, this three-day event features a World Forum in which international leaders in youth service and service-learning learn from each other's best practices. Young people play central roles in both, offering workshops, addressing general sessions, and participating in on- and off-site service-learning projects. To learn more, visit www.nylc.org/conference.

A world of resources awaits you through our online community of practitioners, which numbers more than 750! Check out the Generator School Network, a network of adult practitioners who share best practices, access multimedia tools, and swap findings. Visit gsn.nylc.org to become a member. Also, please review the attached resources: a sample service-learning curriculum; issues of a quarterly research-into-practice newsletter featuring international applications of service-learning, the *Generator*; the *Service-Learning K-12 Standards for Quality Practice*; information from the Generator School Network; an article on *Where in the World is Service-Learning?*; and a sample program guide from NYLC's Annual National Service-Learning Conference and World Forum.

Also be sure to visit NYLC's website (www.nylc.org), where you can search an online library and visit our bookstore. Both offer innovative materials, rooted in the K-12 Service-Learning Standards for Quality Practice. For example, one resource that has already found international application is a manual and DVD on service-learning and HIV prevention.

Please call us at (651) 631-3672 if we can help you with any of the above, or can provide customized trainings. NYLC has already provided training on most continents. We look forward to learning more about your interests and needs.

Sincerely,



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