



Faces of Leadership Conference  
Connect • Create • Engage  
August 7-9, 2012 • Charleston Civic Center

# Call for *Presenters*

WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE ON  
VOLUNTEERISM: SUPPORTING A  
CULTURE OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

*This conference is the result of a partnership of state and federal agencies, nonprofits, faith-based and private organizations and is coordinated by Volunteer West Virginia, the state's Commission for National and Community Service.*

## About the Conference

Imagine a conference filled with people of all ages who see possibilities in problems, who are eager for new ideas, and who stand ready to roll up their sleeves to get things done – people who know that the serious problems we face in our communities cannot be solved by government or the private sector alone. ***Faces of Leadership*** attracts people with energy and passion for positive community change – people who believe that a leader is anyone who steps up to help.

The success of this conference depends on the quality of its presenters who historically come from many different backgrounds and areas of experience. Applications will be considered for presentations that will confer valuable skills, model best practices, and encourage the exchange of ideas and solutions. Although honoraria for presenters are not available, the conference registration fee will be waived for presenters.



## Conference Theme

***“Faces of Leadership: Connect. Create. Engage.”*** stresses the importance of making the connections that creatively build the capacity of our communities. Working together with both usual and unusual partners helps identify assets and resources, build on skills, and engage representation from all members of a community. Because networking is such an important component of this conference, the committee is excited to offer a guided Open Space at this year’s event. As always, noted keynote speakers will address the conference theme helping us work toward the vibrant communities we want in the future.

# About Proposals

The 2012 conference program committee is calling for interesting, innovative, and interactive workshop sessions with topics that include (but are **NOT** limited to):

- Engaging people of all ages in service
- Assessing community needs
- Measuring performance and evaluating progress
- Resource development
- Engaging non-traditional community partners
- Using technology to support community
- Using service-learning as a strategy for community change
- Answering the challenge of disaster
- Building the economy through volunteerism and service
- Identifying the components of a thriving community
- Reflection
- Addressing violence and intolerance
- Communicating program stories
- Non-profit fiscal accountability
- Social media– how to get started
- Social media protocol
- Serving and engaging veterans and military families
- Responsibilities of a board- checks and balances
- Volunteer liability
- Community development and the arts
- Avoiding burnout
- Volunteer recruitment, risk management and recognition
- Making connections

# About Our Attendees


Conference participants come from all sectors of our communities. They include:

- People of all ages interested in building positive communities
- Nonprofit staff and board members
- Members of faith communities
- AmeriCorps, VISTA and Senior Corps staff and members
- Service-learning practitioners and other educators
- Government representatives
- Members of grass roots and benevolent organizations
- Organizations that serve seniors
- Volunteers of all ages

Participants have told us that when they leave a workshop, they want to feel that:

- They are inspired to do more
- They have met people who open new doors or make new connections
- They are not in it by themselves – others are having similar experiences
- The ideas presented can be applied or replicated in their home setting
- The workshop got them out of their comfort zone
- They have reevaluated themselves – who they are and who they want to be
- They leave with concise handouts that summarize important points and list resources for further investigation

**"Service causes leadership to bloom in unexpected ways."**



If you are interested in presenting a single workshop or a track of two or more, please submit a presenter application following the guidelines below. You may submit several applications. If you know someone who might be interested, please pass on this information.

# Presenter Application

## Workshop Title:

## Presenter(s):

Include the following information for *each* presenter:

- Name
- Mailing address
- Daytime telephone number
- Organization
- E-mail address

## Email applications to:

[moya.doneghy@wv.gov](mailto:moya.doneghy@wv.gov)

## Or mail applications to:

Conference Presentations  
Volunteer West Virginia  
710 Central Avenue  
Charleston, WV 25302

## Workshop overview:

Please supply a description of the proposed session taking into consideration the following questions:

- What are the questions that guide this workshop?
- Who is your target audience?
- How will this workshop help your audience?
- How does it address different learning styles?
- What new skills will your audience learn?
- What workshop format and design will you use?

## Please also include:

- A brief workshop description suitable for the conference brochure (50 words)
- A one paragraph biography for each presenter
- A resume for each presenter (this is critical for CEUs)
- Audio-visual needs for the presentation (***we cannot supply LCD projectors***)

## Workshop History:

If you have previously conducted this presentation, or a similar presentation, please list the date and place of the most recent, as well as the names and telephone numbers of two individuals who could be contacted as references.

## Session Length:

Please select the session length you prefer when presenting your material: 1½ hours OR 3 hours

**Please submit your presenter application by February 29, 2012**

Selection will be made primarily on the information provided in your application. If you need further information, please call Moya Doneghy at 304-558-0111. Decisions will be made by April 27, 2012.