YOUTH VOICES CONFERENCE 2009
Designing Garden-Based Programs for Children and Youth
PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM AT
THE MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM
Friday, October 2, 2:00-8:00 p.m. • Saturday, October 3, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

YOUTH VOICES CONFERENCE GOES NATIONAL!
The YOUTH VOICES CONFERENCE is the first youth-planned and
hosted national conference put on by the University of Min-
nesota Landscape Arboretum. The highlight of the conference
will be creative presentations given by teams of youth from
different garden-based programs from around the nation. Listen
as they present lessons learned, memories, and the impacts of
garden programs on their lives.

YOUTH ARE RARELY GIVEN the opportunity to influence the direction
of program planning, design and implementation. Join us for a
truly extraordinary experience, where youth are given the oppor-
tunity to share their take on things. Your job is to listen in an
effort to improve program goals and enhance outcomes. With
an emphasis on youth employment, leadership, and empower-
ment through garden-based programs, this is sure to be a one-
of-a-kind experience!

Conference Agenda
SATURDAY OCTOBER 3RD
Welcome and Opening Notes
Tim Kenny, Minnesota Landscape
Arboretum, Director of Education
Planning the Youth Voices
Conference
Arika Paukner, Youth Voices Conference
Planning Team Leader, CityFresh graduate
Lessons Learned – Impacts and
Outcomes of Garden-Based
Programs on Youth
Youth Teams from around the U.S. present
their stories in their own words: Lessons
learned, favorite/least favorite moments,
and long-term impacts of garden-based
programs.

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum,
Minneapolis, MN – CityFresh
Wave Hill, Bronx, NY – Forest Project
Summer Collaborative
Gale Woods Farm, Minnetrista, MN –
Community Farm Project
Chicago Botanical Garden,
Chicago, IL – Green Youth Farm
Community Design Center of Minne-
sota, St Paul, MN – East Side
Garden Corps
Cleveland Botanical Garden,
Cleveland, OH – Green Corps
Youth Farm and Market Project,
Minneapolis, MN

Teaching Today: Skills for Tomorrow
Karen Beamon & Ebony Turner, Youth
Voices Conference Planning Team
Associates, CityFresh graduates

Youth Panel
Participants get the opportunity to ask
questions of the youth groups presenting
at the conference.

Experts Panel & Closing Remarks
Moderator: Marcia Eames-Sheavly,
Cornell University, Garden-Based Learn-
ing Institute

Pre-Conference Activities
FRIDAY OCTOBER 2ND
Arboretum Learning Center Tours
Explore the greenhouse, tour the Chil-
dren’s Garden, and check out Under The
Oak nature-play area.

Behind the Scenes: CityFresh and
Urban Children's Garden
Get a glimpse into CityFresh urban youth
employment programs by hearing from
youth participants themselves.

Waterosity
What’s bubbling up? Talk a walk and ob-
serve the Waterosity exhibit! Bringing to-
gether the visions of artists, scientists and
horticulturists, Waterosity celebrates this
precious resource through thought-pro-
voking, playful installations and exhibits.

Welcome Dinner
Participants and presenters share a
seasonal meal featuring local flavors.

Who Should Attend
• Garden-based program design-
ers and practitioners
• Grant funding organizations
• Program evaluators and re-
searchers
• Grant writers
• School board Members
• Out-of-school organizations
serving youth
• Local government
• Individuals/organizations inter-
ested in starting a garden-based
program
• Extension Services
• Master Gardeners
• Arboretum/Botanic garden staff
• Politicians

YOUTH VOICES CONFERENCE 2009
☐ $50/day members  ☐ $60/day non-members  ☐ Oct. 2 only  ☐ Oct. 3 only  ☐ Both days
Total Amount Enclosed: $ __________

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Cornell University Garden Based Learning
Kaleidoscope Kids Place
University of Minnesota
Children, Youth and Family Consortium
University of Minnesota Extension

Goal
To inject youth voice into program design and implementation and enhance the benefits of garden-based programs for children and youth.

Challenge
Take charge of your learning by being an active participant in this conference. Take notes, write down questions, and make the most of what you hear by thinking critically about how the youth perspective can help you create more successful programs.

Learn
How to REALLY listen to children and youth?
How to gather their insights?
How to use youth perspective in program planning?

Register today!
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