



Minnesota Landscape
ARBORETUM

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.

PUBLIC POLICY

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Youth Voices Conference Goes National!

THE YOUTH VOICES CONFERENCE is the first youth-planned and hosted national conference put on by the University of Minnesota 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 opportunity 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 empowerment through garden-based programs, this is sure to be a one-of-a-kind experience!

Who Should Attend

- Garden-based program designers and practitioners
- Grant funding organizations
- Program evaluators and researchers
- Grant writers
- School board Members
- Out-of-school organizations serving youth
- Local government
- Individuals/organizations interested in starting a garden-based program
- Extension Services
- Master Gardeners
- Arboretum/Botanic garden staff
- Politicians



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 Minnesota, 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 Learning Institute

Pre-Conference Activities

FRIDAY OCTOBER 2ND

Arboretum Learning Center Tours

Explore the greenhouse, tour the Children'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 observe the Waterosity exhibit! Bringing together the visions of artists, scientists and horticulturists, *Waterosity* celebrates this precious resource through thought-provoking, playful installations and exhibits.

Welcome Dinner

Participants and presenters share a seasonal meal featuring local flavors.

YOUTH VOICES CONFERENCE 2009

OCTOBER 2 & 3, 2009

\$50/day members \$60/day non-members Oct. 2 only Oct. 3 only Both days Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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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?

Friday & Saturday, October 2 & 3

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