Community Lens
Listening Sessions

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Agenda

9AM/1PM  Introductions
         Brief overview of the Listening Session
9:30/1:30  Panel statements and discussion
10:15/2:15  Break
10:30/2:30  Small table work: Community and campus inventories
11:15/3:15  Plenary sharing and next steps
            Final reflection & evaluation
12PM/4PM  Conclusion
THE SLCE FUTURE DIRECTIONS PROJECT

http://slce-fdp.org/
Service-Learning Community Engagement Objectives

- Academic Mastery
- Community Impact
- Student Personal & Civic Development
I am convinced that...the academy must become a more vigorous partner in the search for answers to our most pressing social, civic, economic, and moral problems, and must reaffirm its historic commitment to what I call the scholarship of engagement.

The scholarship of engagement means connecting the rich resources of the university to our most pressing social, civic, and ethical problems...Campuses would be viewed by both students and professors not as isolated islands, but as staging grounds for action.

The scholarship of engagement also means creating a special climate in which the academic and civic cultures communicate more continuously and creatively with each other.

Ernest Boyer (1996), *The Journal of Public Service and Outreach*
Community Voice & Benefit

...as someone who has traveled and co-presented with community partners at international and local conferences, I have, over time, hesitated to encourage community colleagues to invest time and resources in most academic conferences. While I am confident that my academic colleagues and I will benefit from hearing about their work and their perspectives, I am less certain that academic conferences are set up to maximize the time of community participants who tend to feel that academic conferences are not useful to them.

Emily Janke, “Increased Community Presence...” (2013)
Circle of Community Resource Creation

- Women & Youth Empowerment Programs
- College Application Information & Assistance
- Public Benefits & Non-profit Assistance Facilitation
- Voter Registration Assistance
- Small Business Incubators
- School-Neighborhood Alliances
- Financial Literacy Programs
- Adult Skills Workshops
Public Engagement

- Personal Contact & Direct Service
- Problem-solving / Asset-creating Projects
- Research as Resource
Levels of Reciprocity
Adapted from Emile Janke (2013) and Andy Furco (2010)
Civic Engagement

“Civic engagement means working to make a difference in the civic life of our communities and developing the combination of knowledge, skills, values, and motivation to make that difference....A morally and civically responsible individual recognizes himself or herself as a member of larger social fabric and therefore considers social problems to be at least partly his or her own...”

Examples of Civic Skills

• Eloquent listening
• Non-abrasive argumentation
• Suspending judgment
• Building consensus
• Organizing for action