

Canadian Alliance for Community Service-Learning
Spring Symposium - Wednesday, April 29, 2009
Senate and Board Chambers, John Aird Centre, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo Ontario

Voices from the Community:
Reflections on being a Partner in Community Service-Learning

Hosted by:
Laurier Centre for Community Service-Learning, Wilfrid Laurier University
Volunteer Action Centre of Kitchener-Waterloo and Area

- 9:30 – 10:00:** Registration and Refreshments
- 10:00 – 10:15:** Welcoming remarks (Kate Connelly and Larry Gemmel)
- 10:15 – 11:30:** *Voices from the community – Thinking like a Community Partner*
- Panel: Bonnie Caza, Our Place (Early Years Program)
Christine Bird, Alliance for Children and Youth
Jane Hennig, Volunteer Action Centre
- The following issues will be discussed on the agency, sectoral, and regional planning level:
- ◆ Identifying community needs
 - ◆ Staffing resources and time commitments
 - ◆ Multiple demands from numerous institutions
 - ◆ Lack of understanding of curricular and co-curricular goals
 - ◆ Confusing administration/forms/procedures
- 11:30 – 12:30:** *(Lunch) Voices from the Community – Thinking like an Innovator*
Luncheon Speaker: Cheryl Rose, Social Innovation Generation, University of Waterloo
- 12:30 – 12:45:** Break (washroom, stretch, etc.)
- 12:45 – 1:45:** *Voices from the community: Thinking like a Funder*
- Panel: Hulene Montgomery, Lyle S. Hallman Foundation
Rosemary Smith, KW Community Foundation
Tracey Robertson, Ontario Trillium Foundation
- Panel members will share their experience of how funding decisions are made.
- 1:45 – 2:00:** **Break (Organizing into table groups)**
- 2:00 – 3:00:** *Open Space Café:*
Voices from the Community – Thinking Like CSL Practitioners
Discussion topics at the various tables will be identified by the symposium registrants. Participants will be able to rotate to 2-3 discussions tables throughout this time period. Issues for discussion would include items such as: CSL learning outcomes, faculty engagement, and risk management.
- 3:00 – 3:20:** *Voices from the Community – Thinking like an Alliance*
- Larry Gemmel will share his thoughts on how we can create a vision for community service-learning in Canada based on mobilizing the human and intellectual resources of post-secondary educational institutions to address and solve urgent community issues.
- 3:20 – 3:30:** **Closing remarks**

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