

General Online Resources for Service Learning

There are hundreds of resources available online. These include guidelines for Service-Learning classes, examples, sample syllabi, and other ideas. The following list describes some useful web sites.

- **Campus Compact**

<http://www.compact.org>

The national organization/clearinghouse for the support of Service-Learning is Campus Compact. Each institution that joins Campus Compact becomes a member through the office of the president for that institution.

The Campus Compact site can lead you to a number of valuable resources including information on Service-Learning and faculty; campus-community partnerships; publications; grants and fellowships; and a number of other web pages to support the development of Service-Learning courses.

- **Building the Service-Learning Pyramid** is available at

<http://www.compact.org/faculty/specialreport.html>. The initiative is funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts and provides not only a written examination of the Service-Learning Pyramid but also presents it in a graphic format.

If you are interested in why the reflection process is a vital element of Service-Learning then go to:

<http://www.compact.org/disciplines.reflections/index.html>

Contact information for Campus Compact: Campus Compact, Brown University, Box 1975, Providence, RI 02912; (401) 867-3950, E-mail campus@compact.org

- **Corporation for National and Community Service**

<http://www.cns.gov>

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNS) has been in existence since the Fall of 1993. The goals of CNS is to engage Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service to help strengthen communities through AmeriCorps, Senior Corps and Learn & Service America. At their web site the most relevant information is found by clicking on a hot link titled Service-Learning. The Service-Learning examples are geared more toward the K-12 program known as Learn & Serve America.

- **Learn & Serve** (<http://www.learnandserve.org>) This site has a higher education component and therefore is a good site to gather information about Service-Learning. At this site, information is available through a number of hot links to other web pages dealing with what Service-Learning can do for an individual, a school, and the community as a whole.

Attached to the Learn and Serve site are two hot links which should be of interest to higher education:

National Service-Learning Clearinghouse: <http://www.servicelearning.org/>

National Service-Learning Exchange: <http://www.nslexchange.org/>

- **The Big Dummy's Guide to Service-Learning**

<http://www.fiu.edu/~time4chg/Library/bigdummy.html>

This site provides information about Service-Learning as it relates to faculty and programmatic issues. This is a good site for those who have questions about why they should become involved with Service-Learning or wonder how to create an effective Service-Learning course. It provides answers to questions like: What is Service-Learning? What kind of incentives should there be for faculty to incorporate Service-Learning? How do you plan for and set up Service-Learning in a course? What should students write in their journals? Should Service-Learning be optional or required? How do you involve and keep more students involved in community service activities and projects? What courses make good matches with Service-Learning?

- **Center for Community Service-Learning**

<http://www.csun.edu/~ocls99/>

This is the official site for the Center for Community Service-Learning at California State University, Northridge. It is a good example of what is being done by higher education institutions to provide both faculty and students with information about Service-Learning courses and efforts on a college campus. The web site provides a number of examples of the type of courses and activities that are part of the Community Service-Learning efforts at California State University.

- **Service-Learning Online Resources**

<http://www.serviceleader.org/manage/service.html>

This site provides a number of hot links to online resources dealing with Service-Learning in higher education. Here you will find hot links to sites that provide valuable information about how Service-Learning courses and activities are being incorporated into the curriculum. These include state support like the Texas Service-Learning Leeward Community College Page 40 Service-Learning Faculty Handbook December 2002