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Service-Learning Newsletter

April 2008

Share Your Service-Learning Stories!

Do you have a service-learning story to share in our newsletter - a new project, partnership, grant or award? We would love to hear about it. Please contact [Kim Lesnau](#).

Check Out Our Webpage!

If you cannot find what you're looking for, please try our [Educator](#) page and our growing [Curricula Hub](#) with links to easy-to-use project ideas and lesson plans.

Service-Learning Spotlight

Say YES to Education! Say NO to Budget Cuts!

Join with 10,000 students across the state of California to promote other options for balancing the budget without cutting education resources!

On April 18th, more than 10,000 students will gather to declare, "We Deserve Better!" on this Right to Learn Day of Action. During the 2008-09 year, California's schools are facing budget cuts up to \$4.8 Billion. At the end of 2007, Right to Learn gathered stories from students stating their thoughts on the biggest challenges facing the education system. This day of action is another pivotal point in the fate of the challenges they are about to face. Students are taking action and leading these actions at their campuses.



Some of the participating schools in San Diego are Hoover High, Lincoln High, Mt. Carmel High, Rancho Bernardo High, San Diego SCPA, Scripps Ranch High, and Serra High. If you would like to volunteer your school, [please click here](#).

The Right to Learn Campaign can carry on well beyond the Day of Action. The Youth Noise website, <http://www.youthnoise.com/rtl2/>, offers tools and resources to start your action on your campus. The site offers resources on how students can recruit their classmates to participate in the April 18th Day of Action, ideas on how to campaign against budget cuts, information on budget cuts, and successful youth campaigns.

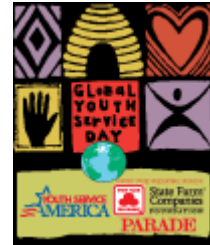
Global Youth Service Day

Get Geared Up for Global Youth Service Day!

April 21st - April 27th 2008

GYSD Beautification Project - April 26th

Volunteer San Diego's SAVY Leaders have been preparing all year for the signature Global Youth Service Day project on April 26th. We need volunteers to help paint classrooms and murals, organize, clean and much more at three National City Head Start locations. Kids of all ages are welcome to volunteer! To volunteer, [sign up](#) at one of the three locations (all volunteers will meet at Plaza to start off the day).



Get Your Students Involved in Global Youth Service Day 2008

Volunteer San Diego has once again been selected as the Lead Agency for Global Youth Service Day in San Diego County!

[Global Youth Service Day](#) (GYSD) is April 21 - 27. It is the largest service event in the world, engaging millions of young people (ages 5-25). It promotes public awareness and education and highlights the amazing contributions that young people make to their communities. GYSD supports and encourages youth to begin on a life-long path of service and civic engagement.

Volunteer San Diego will be coordinating GYSD projects during the entire week of April 21 - 27, 2007, so keep your eye on the [April Project Calendar](#) and sign up as a volunteer!

Want to plan your own Global Youth Service Day project? We can help by providing ideas and resources! Visit our [Global Youth Service Day Page](#).

For more information, please e-mail [Jaci Feinstein](#).

Curriculum, Grants, Resources, and More

Remember to check out the [Volunteer San Diego website](#) for all of our resources that are updated regularly:

[Educators](#)

[Curriculum Support](#)

[Upcoming Grants](#)

Volunteer San Diego T-Shirt Art Contest!

Volunteer San Diego is seeking unique and meaningful artwork from children grades K - 12 and adults 18+ years old, for the **Hands on San Diego** (HOSD) 2008 T-shirt Design Contest. Entrants should create drawings that portray the fun and rewarding experience of volunteering. [Click here to find out more...](#)

Service-Learning Calendar

Mark your calendars, here are some events you don't want to miss!

[***Making Youth a Priority: A Conversation About Youth-Based Initiatives in San Diego***](#)

Friday, April 25th, 2008 8:30AM - 12:00PM

We are looking forward to an investigative conversation with community partners, faculty members incorporating service-learning in their classrooms, and service-learning practitioners about how the City of San Diego can partner with our initiatives and join us to achieve real results in the lives of our youth. [Click here to learn more and register.](#)

[***Service Learning Resource Meeting***](#)

Tuesday, May 20th, 2008 2:00PM - 3:00PM

This committee manages service-learning resources (on-line and hardcopy) such as, curricula, funding opportunities, collaborative partners, sample projects, awards/scholarships,

and professional development opportunities.

[Engaging Student Volunteers to Help Meet Your Mission](#)

Thursday, May 22nd, 2008 1:30PM - 4:30PM

This workshop is for community organizations and nonprofits looking to partner with schools and better utilize student volunteers.

[National Volunteer Week](#)

April 27th - May 3rd, 2008

National Volunteer Week reflects the power that volunteers have to "inspire by example" - volunteers both encourage those they help and motivate others to serve! Find out how you, too, can participate in the week's many offerings by visiting the Points of Light & Hands On Network [website](#).

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