



**NNER** National Network for Educational Renewal

## 2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

# BUILDING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES: RECLAIMING OUR VALUES

## Call For Proposals

The 2014 NNER Conference Committee is seeking proposals that will be informative and relevant. Proposals must be submitted by April 4, 2014. All proposals must be submitted electronically at the following link: [nnerannualconference.org](http://nnerannualconference.org).

### The Five Conference Strands

Proposals must describe how the work relates to the NNER mission to advance Education in Democracy: equity and excellence, enculturation, nurturing pedagogy, and stewardship.

#### USING DATA TO SUSTAIN OUR WORK

This strand focuses on how teachers and faculty partner to use student data to improve outcomes, and on the conditions that influence successful use of data to advance the mission of NNER partnerships. There is a gap in the research literature on how student data informs classroom instruction. Information on how to use data is essential in improving student outcomes. This strand is seeking to hear from the field how “data-based decision making” reforms or practices are occurring.

#### EMPOWERING TEACHERS TO LEAD AND SUSTAIN THE PROFESSION

Teachers and education faculty must be empowered to lead policymaking and reshape our profession. Legislators don't build a profession, only teachers can. NNER partnerships can be the mechanism for this to occur. How is your partnership training your candidates to join teachers in shaping democratic policies? How can higher education and teachers partner to elevate and lead the profession? This strand is designed to share models of how we clear the way for teachers to lead.

#### SHARING RESPONSIBILITY IN HIGHER EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE PARTNERSHIPS

This strand will focus on the efforts of the university to expand partnership involvement with pk-12 schools and community organizations beyond that of the college of education to include the colleges of arts and sciences and other campus academic units.

#### SUSTAINING DEMOCRATIC ENGAGEMENT

This strand focuses on how universities, P-12 schools, and community organizations partner to promote, cultivate, and sustain the knowledge, skills, and dispositions for thoughtful participation in a democracy. These partnerships are multidisciplinary teams with expansive expertise to collaborate and develop mutually beneficial goals, emphasizing reciprocity, to increase quality educational opportunities through research and implementation in the community.

#### BUILDING COMMUNITY FOR SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

This strand calls for thinking creatively and innovatively about what it means for a community to be socially sustainable and for ways in which we can contribute to that goal. Socially sustaining communities require sustainable leadership that values equity, respect, human potential, and democratic engagement. Everything in our universe is connected to everything else. How do we create educational opportunities that promote socially sustaining communities?

### Important Dates:

Call for Proposal Released: February 10, 2014  
Proposal Submissions Deadline: April 4, 2014  
Acceptance Notification: June 9, 2014  
Presenter Confirmation Email: July 25, 2014

## Conference Information

October 23-25, 2014  
Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza  
35 West 5th Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

If there are any questions regarding the conference or proposal submission, please send inquires to: [Bickford@ohio.edu](mailto:Bickford@ohio.edu)