



RESPECT FOR ALL – A Pilot Training Institute for NNER Cohorts

NNER is excited to be partnering with GroundSpark, an educational and social justice non-profit that ignites change through film. GroundSpark is the home of The Respect for All Project, a national initiative focused on creating inclusive and welcoming school and community environments where young people of all backgrounds and experiences can thrive.

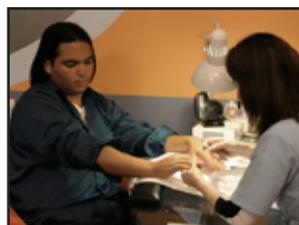
This year, our two organizations will be piloting a new program together, The Respect For All Institute. The RFA Institute will provide NNER members with an in-depth opportunity to develop their capacity in addressing bias, supporting diverse identities and families, and improving school climate. The interactive, two-day training institute will bring together teachers from grades 4-12, teacher educators, Arts and Sciences faculty, and community leaders to explore issues of respect and equity at all levels of education, and to share concrete activities and strategies for change.

The Institute's programming will center on GroundSpark's award-winning Respect For All Project film and curriculum series, including:

- *Let's Get Real*, an honest look at bullying and bias through the eyes of middle school youth;
- *Straightlaced – How Gender's Got Us All Tied Up*, an exploration of how gender role and sexuality pressures impact all teens;
- *That's A Family!*, a window into what children growing up in a wide range of family structures would like their classmates to know about their families, and;
- *It's Elementary – Talking About Gay Issues in School*, the now-classic documentary about the power and possibility of LGBT-inclusive education.

Drawing on the wisdom in these films, we will work together to analyze some of today's most pressing social and educational challenges, and develop shared action plans for challenging stereotypes, reducing bullying and violence, increasing understanding, and supporting all youth to be their fullest, truest selves.

For more information about the films and GroundSpark's Respect for All Project, please visit www.groundspark.org.



Pilot Site Requirements

To launch this new program, we are seeking applications from interested NNER settings to host the pilot. Interested settings must be able to provide the following:

1. A guarantee of 30 – 40 eligible participants who will be able to attend a full two-day Institute in August or September 2013.
2. A site for the Institute that includes capacity for projecting media, access to the internet, and appropriate space for both small and large group work.
3. Food and drink for the attendees.
4. A designated point person to oversee logistical support.
5. Capability to conduct outreach for and administer Institute registration.
6. A designated “content lead” with facilitation and/or coaching experience; this person should be able to work with the RFAP trainers to customize content in advance of the Institute and also to provide some support and follow-up to participants and schools afterwards (small stipend will be available).
7. Commitment to support follow up with the participants and participate in an evaluation of the Pilot.

Expenses

GroundSpark has a grant from the Small Change Foundation to underwrite the facilitation, travel, and materials expenses of the Institute. The host organization, in conjunction with NNER, will be responsible for all other expenses.

The NNER will provide \$3000 to the selected setting to support the local organization. This may be used for room rental, food, stipends for local coordination, and/or recruitment materials as examples.

To Apply

We invite applications from interested NNER settings. To apply, please send a letter of interest to Greg Bernhardt at gregory.bernhardt@wright.edu and Ann Foster at annfoster@nnerpartnerships.org.

The letter should include:

- name of lead organization(s) and primary contact
- why you want to host this Pilot.
- your proposed audience, including the names and positions of at least 15 people that you know now would commit to attending as well as a description of how you will conduct outreach to ensure a robust attendance from all sectors of your NNER membership.

- where the site would be for the Institute and the kind of space it offers
- what kind of media projection capability this site has
- whether you would prefer scheduling the Institute on two work days or a Friday or Saturday (and if you have preferred actual dates please note);
- who your content lead and logistical point person would be

Deadline for Applications: April 19th, 2013.

Site Selection: by May 1, 2013.

Questions? Please contact Greg Bernhardt or Ann Foster