

PEOPLE'S ACADEMY FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (PACE) Program Update April 14, 2015

What is PACE?

• A civic leadership development program that builds the skills of emerging community leaders





PACE Pilot Completed

- 2012 and 2013-14 cohorts = 54 graduates
- 14 Community Projects
- 43 Facilitators
- 10 Advisory Board members
- 5 Seminars
- 3 Alumni Events





Fall 2014 Updates

PACE Alumni Reunion Event

 First gathering of the two PACE cohorts

 25 graduates attended November 1, 2014 Seattle Center Day of the Dead Celebration





Fall 2014 Seminar

"Democracy Needs You" Advocacy Seminar -December 3

- Open to the public
- More than 30 attendees
- 5 effective advocacy tools

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Wednesday, December 3

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6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

4101 15th Ave. NE

Room 305-A

UW School of Social Work

Seattle Department of Neighborhoods and the People's Academy for Community Engagement (PACE) is pleased to present our 2014 Fall Seminar, "Democracy Needs You! Five Essential Advocacy Tools that will Shae Your World." Forset

your days of "Schoolhouse Rock," guest expert facilitator, professor and long-time community activist NANCY AMIDEI is the real deal. This seminar will cover the basic functions of our three branches of government, how a bill becomes a law, and will cover five effective advocacy tools. Join us for an engaging evening of learning, networking and fun.

Event is FREE, but space is limited. RSVP by Monday, November 21st to Wendy Watson (Wendy:Watson@seattle.gov) Light refreshments will be provided.

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Spring 2015 Seminar



Cracking the Codes – March 21

- More than 70 participants
- City partners:
 - Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute (OAC)
 - Seattle Office for Civil Rights



PACE Partnerships

Leadership Tomorrow Community Project

LT held two focus groups in March 2015 with PACE alumni to determine:

- 1. Types of events that are of interest and most useful.
- 2. Communication tools/forums that support ongoing dialogue and networking.
- 3. Obstacles/constraints that prevent alumni from participating.



PACE Pilot Program Impacts

Outcome Survey Fall 2014: 25 respondents (46%)

- Participated in a neighborhood or community council: 80%
- Partnered with or worked with a City Department: 64%
- Served on nonprofit board, commission, or committee: 60%
- Applied for Neighborhood Matching Fund: 40%



PACE Pilot Program Impacts, continued

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- Types of organization graduates had participated in:
- Community over 60 (e.g., community groups, district councils)
- Business 8 (e.g., Chambers of Commerce)
- City boards, commissions, advisory councils, task forces, etc. – 9



PACE Pilot Program Impacts, continued

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2015-16 Program Key Dates

- January March Finalize curriculum, prepare marketing materials, application, etc.
- April 1 PACE Coordinator starts
- April 13 Applications available
- May 29 Applications due
- June Applications reviewed; interviews conducted
- July 10 Participants notified



2015-16 Program Key Dates, cont.

- September 17 PACE Orientation
- October 15 –
- Eight monthly sessions begin at Seattle University
- May 2016 August 2016 Community Projects
- September 15, 2016 Graduation





2015-16 Curriculum Topics

- Approaches to Leadership
- Accessing Government
- Community Organizing
- Inclusive Outreach & Public Engagement
- Meeting Facilitation
- Public Speaking
- Conflict Management
- Sustaining Involvement





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Testimonials of PACE Graduates

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Enhances partnerships between City and community

"It gave me a greater insight into how the city works, how to talk the language of government, how to seek and receive information and how it can be used for the public good specifically in the communities I represent." ~*Ralph Weathers, 2013-14 Graduate*

Expands inclusive outreach and public engagement efforts

"PACE has helped me develop more culturally competent outreach and engagement for my work. It has also given me a more diverse look at leadership and what it means to be an effective leader." ~*Quynh Pham, 2012 Graduate*

