

Citizens In Action 2015

"Strengthening Community through Relationships"

Saturday, January 31st, 2015 – 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**First United Methodist Church
230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN**



9:00-9:30 AM On-Site Registration: Check-In, Coffee & Packet Pick-Up

9:30-10:30 AM Welcome and Opening Speakers:

Representative Erin Murphy, St Paul (64A). Representative Murphy is the Deputy Minority leader and former MN House Majority Chair. She is currently serving her fifth term after being first elected in 2006. Her committee assignments include Health and Human Services Finance and Legacy Funding Finance.

Anita Stech, LWV-Duluth & Speak Your Peace Civility Project - Duluth Superior Community Foundation.

10:30-10:45 AM Break

10:45 – 12:00 PM Workshops:

I. Steps for Citizen Involvement

Tools and Skills for involvement in the political process, with a focus on lobbying effectively at the local and state levels.

Facilitators: Elizabeth Olson, LWV-Duluth & TakeAction MN and Julie O'Leary, LWV-Duluth

II. Serving on Non-Profit Boards

Understanding your Roles & Responsibilities. Hear from a panel of individuals that serve on Boards.

Facilitators: Maria Isley, LWV –Duluth & MN Council of Nonprofits

III. Community Strategies for Racial Equity

Learn what community organizations are doing & how you can get involved.

Facilitators: Jodi Broadwell – LWV – Duluth & Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial and Bob Grytdahl, City of Duluth Human Rights Office

Panel Members: Renee Van Nett, Health & Wellness Table, Janet Kennedy, LWV-Duluth and Health & Wellness Table, William Howes, Duluth Public Schools - Office of Education Equity, Susana Pelayo-Woodward, UMD Office of Cultural Diversity.

IV. Legislative Coalitions

Gain an understanding of how to build effective coalitions through relationship building.

Facilitators: Buddy Robinson, MN Citizens Federation – NE and John Doberstein, North Star Chapter of the Sierra Club

Panel Members: Patrice Critchley-Menor, Joint Religious Legislative Coalition, Andrew Slade, MN Environmental Partnership, Joan Peterson, LWV – Duluth & Protect MN, and Zach Sias, NE Area Labor Council

12:00-1:00 PM Lunch Break - Creating Connections. Instructions fro Lunchtime work. Soup & Salad buffet provided.

1:00-2:30 PM Coffee and Conversation with Elected Officials

2:30-3:00 PM Closing: Celebrate 2014 Achievements

We will celebrate our 2014 achievements. Learn about the many opportunities with our co-sponsoring organizations to put our training into action!

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**With Cooperating Organizations
(Partial Listing)**

AFSCME Local 66

**American Lung Association In
Minnesota**

Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial, Inc.

**CSS Alworth Center for the Study of
Peace and Justice**

CHUM

Community Action Duluth

Life House

**Local Initiatives Support Corporation
(LISC)**

**MN Congress of Parents, Teachers &
Students – Duluth PTSA Council**

MN Environmental Partnership (MEP)

**MN Interfaith Power and Light -
Arrowhead Network**

MN Council of Non Profits – NE

MN Citizens Federation – NE

North Star Chapter of the Sierra Club

One Roof Community Housing

**Program for Aid to Victims of Sexual
Assault (PAVSA)**

Protect Minnesota – Northland Chapter

TakeAction Minnesota

UMD American Indian Learning Center

UMD Office of Cultural Diversity

UMD Social Work Department

YWCA of Duluth

**THIS WORKSHOP IS FREE &
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Its intent is to educate the citizens about the
process of government and how to effect
positive change. Partial funding is provided
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**Please Register Me for Citizens For Citizen's In Action 2015:
"Strengthening Community through Relationships"**

This workshop is free and open to the public.
For planning purposes, pre-registration is required.
Deadline: Wednesday, January 28, 2015

NAME _____

PHONE _____ FAX _____ EMAIL _____

ORGANIZATION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

WORKSHOPS: 10:45 AM-NOON. SELECT ONE (see descriptions on reverse side for workshops)

I) _____ II) _____ III) _____ IV) _____

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH ELECTED LEADERS

**Leaders invited: State Legislators, St. Louis County Commissioners, Duluth City Councilors,
School Board Members, County Attorney, County Auditor, Sheriff, Police Chief,
Mayor Don Ness, and ISD 709 Officials**

**Please be Earth Friendly: We encourage participants to ride the bus or carpool (FUMC is on the bus line!)
FREE PARKING is available in the First United Methodist Church lot---Please arrive early to assure a space!**

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE in the Coppertop Nursery

Please note ages & numbers on registration form and provide a sack lunch for each child.
Childcare is free, but children must be pre-registered.

For more Information: www.lwvduluth.org

Return Your Registration (Select One):

By Mail: League of Women Voters, 32 East First Street, Duluth, MN 55802

By Phone: (715)252-4037

By Email: duluthCIAworkshop@gmail.com

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