

## The Public Policy Project & LISC “Changing face of Housing” Initiative Housing Policy Leadership Training

- Program Description:** LISC’s “Changing the Face of Housing” Initiative in conjunction with The Public Policy Project is offering a training experience focusing on people interested in **housing policy**, especially as it impacts low-wealth and people of color. The program prepares participants to make their voice/views heard through direct participation in advocacy organizations, legislative or rule making institutions, and with various housing related public policy issues.
- Time Frame:** The program consists of eight evening training sessions (from 6:30-9:00 PM) On **Monday** nights beginning **September 10, 2007**, plus an arranged “field trip” to a policy making institution, a two month long field work experience and participation in a final follow-up session in January 2008.
- Location:** Training sessions will occur at the community room of the **Carleton Artist Lofts** at 2285 University Avenue W, St. Paul, MN 55114.
- Accommodations:** All training sessions are held in barrier free locations.
- Requirements:** You must attend the first session to be able to participate. You must be willing to volunteer with a nonprofit community group or advocacy coalition whose to work on a housing related public policy issue upon completion of your classroom training. A stipend will be paid to successful participants after the field experience and attendance at the follow-up session.
- Selection Process:** Participants will be accepted by recommendation from nonprofit staff, advocacy professionals or prior training graduates. Participants will be selected on a “first come, first served” basis so early registration is encouraged.
- Registration:** Your registration and recommendation must be received by September 4, 2007. You may e-mail it to Loren at [niemistory@aol.com](mailto:niemistory@aol.com) or to James at [James\\_PublicPolicyProject@msn.com](mailto:James_PublicPolicyProject@msn.com) or mail it to The Public Policy Project 8105 Jamaca North, Stillwater, MN 55082

### For more information

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## Session Descriptions

### **Meeting one: Behind the Public Policy Curtain**

**Mon Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30-9:00 PM**

This session focuses the concept and language of public policy. It will introduce participants to each other and provide an overview of what the public policy process is and does.

### **Meeting two: Public Policy effects**

**Mon Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30-9:00 PM**

In this session we will examine key housing policies and address how communities have been negatively impacted by those policies. We will investigate questions from neighborhood, regional, cultural and system wide perspectives with community activists and policy researchers who are working with housing policy.

### **Meeting three: A Closer Look**

**Mon Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30-9:00 PM**

This session will focus on a particular housing policy's history, effects, impacts and remedies. We would look at how various actors in the housing and legislative sector respond to the issue.

### **Meeting four: Principles of Advocacy**

**Mon Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30-9:00 PM**

This session will focus on how to organize an advocacy campaign around housing issues. Long-time organizers who have a successful history of meeting challenges will explore effective ways to recruit and frame issues that are of prime importance to participants.

**No meeting Oct 8<sup>th</sup>**

### **Meeting five: Tools of Advocacy**

**Mon Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30-9:00 PM**

This session will focus on coalitions. How do we respond to different values or approaches? What is our self-interest and what is the common good? We will examine housing coalition partnerships as an advocacy model.

### **Policy field trip**

**arranged**

We anticipate taking participants on a field trip to directly observe the housing policy-making process. Previous field trips have included meetings with the Minneapolis, St. Paul City Councils and the Metropolitan Council.

### **Meeting Six: Advocacy/Lobbying**

**Mon Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30-9:00 PM**

This session will focus on the role of lobbyist (resident, organizational or professional) and relationship to elected officials. What does each do? What rules govern a lobbyist's work?

### **Meeting seven: Public Policy Makers**

**Mon Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 6:30-9:00 PM**

Participants will meet with housing policy decision makers from the State Legislature, Metropolitan Council and City Council. What types of decisions is each responsible for and how can participants influence the outcome at each level?

### **Meeting eight: Issues Selection and Implementation**

**Mon Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30-9:00 PM**

This session participants will identify a critical housing policy issue of their choice that they want to work on for the next two months.

### **Two-month field experience**

The Public Policy Project staff will provide technical assistance (phone calls, meetings, networking and resource information sharing) as the participants work on their chosen public policy issue.

### **Follow Up Meeting**

**to be arranged - Jan 2008**

We will hold a final session with the participants to check on their progress and evaluate the overall success of the program. Stipends for successful participation will be paid at the graduation ceremony.

# Public Policy Project Training Registration

Return completed application and recommendation (by September 4, 2007) by mail to The Public Policy Project, 8105 Jamaca North, Stillwater, MN 55082 or e-mail to [niemistory@aol.com](mailto:niemistory@aol.com) or [James\\_PublicPolicyProject@msn.com](mailto:James_PublicPolicyProject@msn.com) by **September 4, 2007** -- please Print/type clearly.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home or cell #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnic/Racial Identity (for statistical purposes only): \_\_\_\_\_

Gender (statistical only): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (statistical only): \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Household income (statistical only): \_\_\_\_\_ Income source (statistical only):

\_\_\_ Employment \_\_\_ public assistance \_\_\_ SS/pension \_\_\_ other

**What if any are your most recent community involvements?**

**What would you like to learn from or contribute to this training experience?**

**What public policy issue(s) are you most interested in and why?**

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## Recommendation

*Please note: A professional in the advocacy/non-profit field or previous Public Policy Project training graduate must complete this recommendation section.*

**Please briefly describe why you are recommending the applicant for this project.**

**In what capacity do you know the applicant?**

**To help us in case there are further questions regarding your recommendation, please complete the segment below.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ and/or Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you for your recommendation.

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