



PEPP to Conduct 8-week Course on Community Organizing

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People Escaping Poverty Project (PEPP) will conduct an 8-week course on community organizing, beginning March 22, 2005. The course will be conducted on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 9 PM at the PEPP Building at 116 12th St. S. Moorhead, beginning Tuesday, March 22, 2005 and concluding Tuesday, May 10, 2005.

This 8-week course is designed to give participants a real working knowledge of skills that focus on building powerful and effective organizations. This course will provide insights and training which can be used to activate community members to organize for change in public policies that will improve community conditions for all.

The course has space limited to 8 participants and we ask that interested individuals complete the enclosed written application for consideration for a slot in this course.

Completed Applications are due in the PEPP office by 5:00 PM March 7, 2005.

Candidates will be selected based on their interest in Community Change, connection to the community and their passion for Social Justice. Fees for the Course are being underwritten by foundation grants; however, fundraising will be a component of the course work and will be needed for areas not covered by the foundation grants.

✓ Why Community Organizing?

PEPP believes that our community is ready to involve ordinary people in doing extraordinary things. As the political infrastructure shifts its responsibility away from our basic human rights, our communities have lost services, a voice, a priority and we have lost power. Community organizing brings attention to community issues related to poverty, and through collective action, strategies and people, help ensure that government programs are responsive to community needs.

✓ What are Community Organizers?

Community Organizers develop leaders and assist people in finding and utilizing effective strategies for improving the community. Our community has many leaders; however, we have very few organizers. Organizers develop relationships, do research, assist in developing strategies, assist leaders in acting in ways to achieve their vision, assist in developing organizations together to make decisions and act strategically on and in their self-interests.

✓ I am Interested in This Course, how do I apply?

We ask that interested individuals complete a written application and submit it to PEPP. Space is limited to 8 participants, and candidates will be selected based on their interest in community change, connection to the community, and their passion for Social Justice.

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Anyone who is interested can contact PEPP for an application or download the application from the PEPP website at www.pepp.org/Organize.pdf. Completed applications need to be in the PEPP office by 5:00 PM, March 7, 2005, and can be mailed to or dropped off at 116 12th St. S. Moorhead, MN 56560. You may also send the completed application by e-mail to pepp@pepp.org

Application for PEPP's 8-week Course on Community Organizing

"Community Organizing is the Most Effective Model for Community Change and Social Justice"

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Course Time and Dates:

Tuesday Evenings, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

March 22, March 29, April 5, April 12, April 19, April 25, May 3, May 10.

Held at PEPP—116 12th St. S. Moorhead, MN 56560—(218)236-5434



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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please respond to the following questions. Feel free to use additional paper if needed. We will review your responses and contact you with our selection of participants for this course after we have reviewed your application.

1. After reading the Course Description, tell us why you are interested in Community Organizing?
2. Do you have any prior experience in Community Organizing?
3. Describe your community and how you are connected to it?
4. What sort of issues do you want your community to address?
5. What Organization(s) are you involved with and explain what you do with them?
6. This Course will be held on Tuesdays from 6 to 9 PM for 8 weeks. If selected, do we have your commitment to fully attend all 8 sessions of the Course?
7. Do you have any special needs, diet considerations or any other concerns we need to be aware of?