Community Partnership Feature: YWCA of Asheville

The YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. The YWCA advocacy issues reflect their mission and the values of their organization. They promote solutions to improve the lives of women, girls and people of color across the country. From lobbying for pay equity and hate crimes legislation to the increased funding for Head Start and the Violence Against Women Act, the YWCA advocates on Capitol Hill while employees and volunteers empower women and girls in our communities.

For more information on the YWCA, visit their [site](#).

Service Learning:

1) Community Engaged Scholars:

Important Dates for Eligible Community Engaged Scholars:

- Application Deadline for Poster Presentation to Symposium: **March 18, 2013**.
- Presenters are required to provide a title and abstract sent in electronic form lkloeppe@unca.edu
- Paper due: **Monday, April 8th**. The paper will be reviewed and then comments returned to you. Revisions are likely. Papers should be submitted to keyctr@unca.edu
- Revised Paper Due: **Monday, April 22nd**. Submit to keyctr@unca.edu.
- Approval of UNCA Public Service Project Form with signatures due to Key Center by **Monday, April 22nd**.
- Spring Symposium for Poster Presentation: **April 24th**

Service:

Short Term Opportunities

1) Big Swale Garden Workshop - Rhoades Garden

Come out to the Rhoades Garden, Sunday Feb. 24th for the Big Swale Garden workday to learn about digging swales and the benefits of redirecting water in the garden. We will finish
sheet mulching various paths in the garden and be digging swales. This is a great opportunity for learning about irrigation, weed control, and for getting some physical labor! For more information, email beneverha@unca.edu.

2) Campus Garden & Rhoades Garden Workdays

The **Campus Garden** hours are **2-3:30** every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** and **12** on **Friday**, behind the caf.

**Rhoades Garden** hours are **Monday** and **Thursday** from **1-5** and **Wednesday** from **1-3**. The Rhoades Garden is located at the Rhoades Property, which is the last driveway on the right as you head down W.T. Weaver towards Merrimon (right by the stoplight).

3) Institute on Philanthropy and Voluntary Service

Are you passionate about service and making a lasting impact in your community? Are you looking for a summer experience that will give you the tools to standout in today’s competitive job market?

Apply **NOW** for the 2013 Institute on Philanthropy and Voluntary Service and dive head first into Washington, DC’s unique and growing nonprofit sector. As one of the top cities in America for young nonprofit professionals, our Nation’s Capital is the perfect place to launch your career!

**LIVE** in furnished apartments in the heart of the city.
**LEARN** the foundations of the nonprofit sector and earn up to 9 transferable credits.
**INTERN** in some of Washington, DC’s most exciting nonprofit organizations.
**SERVE** in hands on projects and affect change in the community.

Students will be accepted on a rolling basis until the final deadline of March 7, 2013.

For more information, please visit [www.DCinternships.org/IPVS](http://www.DCinternships.org/IPVS) or contact IPVS Manager, Kristen Wright by email at IPVS@tfas.org or by phone at 202.986.0384.

4) Hall Fletcher Community Garden

Hey green thumbs and garden enthusiasts, Hall Fletcher is having a garden work day on Saturday, February 23 from 11am-3pm.

There will be snacks provided, and people can stay for a little while or the whole time! They will be putting in pre-constructed raised beds, adding soil amendments and taking on some great projects!

Email rachel.lubitz@asheville.k12.nc.us for any further inquiries.
5) **Celtic Crossroads**
UNCA Cultural Events is looking for volunteer ushers for the Celtic Crossroads show.

Celtic Crossroads plays Tuesday February 26.
Ushers are required to arrive in the lobby at 6:45pm dressed nicely in black or black and white.
Ushers will receive 2 free tickets

For more information contact ceander2@unca.edu

6) **Appalachian Trail Conservancy**

The Appalachian Trail Conservancy will be hosting their Biennial in Cullowhee, NC at Western Carolina. It will start July 19th and continue through the 26th.

The ATC is seeking volunteers to register guests, assist with parking, lead hikes, and support workshops. Volunteers will get to participate in the Biennial and attend workshops of their choosing.

Workshops include:

- hiking and backpacking
- trail maintenance
- tips and techniques on recruiting volunteers
- ATC’s signature programs
- more to come

For more information go [here](#)

### Long Term Opportunities

1) **Homeward Bound**

Homeward Bound is desperately seeking volunteers.

Orientation is the third Tuesday of each month at 9 North Anne Street off Patton Ave. Opportunities include staffing AHOPE, which is Asheville’s only day center for people experiencing homelessness or aiding in the Welcome Home Project.

For more information go [here](#).

2) **Open Umbrella Collective**
The Open Umbrella Collective is seeking smart, awesome, caring people to join their organization as volunteer Abortion Doulas in Asheville, NC!

Their spring recruitment effort is in full swing, and the training dates are set for April 6th and 7th, 2013. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in reproductive health and justice to engage in truly rewarding volunteer work. While they particularly welcome folks with previous doula experience, this is not a requirement -- the training in April is extremely comprehensive and does a great job preparing volunteers for the work that they do.

More information about volunteer expectations and requirements, as well as the application, can be found at [http://www.openumbrellacollective.org/volunteer/](http://www.openumbrellacollective.org/volunteer/)

3) YWCA

The MotherLove program of YWCA is seeking volunteer mentors.

The YWCA's MotherLove Program matches adult mentors with pregnant and parenting teens. Mentors provide needed support and guidance to these young mothers. Group meetings offer opportunities for education and sharing. The YWCA MotherLove program serves students in Asheville City Schools and Buncombe County Schools.

The MotherLove Program will be holding a mentor training on Saturday February 23 at 9am. The training will be held at the YWCA location on South French Broad Ave.

For more information contact Tangela Bowman at tangela.bowman@ywcaofasheville.org

Community Engagement

1) The Thirst Project

Members of a youth-led initiative called The Thirst Project will visit the campus bookstore on **Friday, February 22 at 12:30pm**. This project mainly focuses on providing clean drinking water for areas of the world with little to no access to clean water and other natural resources. For more information about The Thirst Project, visit: [http://www.thirstproject.org/](http://www.thirstproject.org/)

2) Environmental Justice Lecture & Workshop

On **February 22nd from 7-9 PM**, Fr. John Rausch will give a talk about Environmental Justice at St. Eugene's Catholic (72 Culvern St.). The talk will be followed by a workshop on the next day, **February 23rd**, from **9 AM -1 PM**.

3) SustainUS - Citizen Science paper Competition
SustainUS is accepting papers on original research related to sustainable development for the Citizen Science Paper Competition. Submissions will be accepted until March 1st. To find out more, visit http://www.sustainus.org/citizen-science or email CitizenScience@SustainUS.org.

4) Bike Love

Love bikes and riding around Asheville? Bike Love, Asheville on Bikes' celebration of local bicycle culture, is back at a new location, The Isis in West Asheville.

A fundraiser and festival, this year's Bike Love includes regional bicycle and multimodal transportation plans, a silent auction, a raffle, and starting at 9 p.m. and continuing “until the wheels fall off,” live music from the Cheap Suits and DJ Marley.

Bike Love 2013 is Saturday February 23 6 p.m.-until. Tickets are on sale now for $12. Day-of price increases to $15 at the door. All proceeds support AoB.

5) Emilio Rojas

On Thursday February 28th, HOLA will be hosting artist Emilio Rojas. The following is from their Facebook page.

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

***THURSDAY, FEB. 28th***

Join the artist for a viewing of his film Intersections and a discussion style workshop, diving deeper into issues of racism, homophobia and their intersecting histories in our communities.

Location: TBA, on UNC Asheville's Campus
Time: 6:30PM

***SATURDAY, MARCH 2nd***

Join the artist at local art space Apothecary, located in the historic YMI Building in downtown Asheville, for a private screening of the film Intersections and a live performance art piece by Rojas and his main collaborator, musician Jeremy Harris. Q&A Session will follow.

Location: Apothecary
Time: 8:00PM

6) Alex Kotlowitz
On February 21, Alex Kotlowitz, will appear in three public events at UNC Asheville, all free and open to the public:

"The Things They Carry: Growing Up Poor in the World’s Richest Nation," a talk by Alex Kotlowitz, 12:15 p.m. in Highsmith University Union Mountain Suites 223-224

"Bearing Witness: Storytelling and Human Rights," a talk by Alex Kotlowitz at 4 p.m. in Highsmith University Union Alumni Hall.

Film screening of "The Interrupters," followed by Q&A with co-producer Alex Kotlowitz, at 7 p.m. in Highsmith University Union Alumni Hall.

For more information go here

To see all of the Key Center’s service opportunities go here.