

Leadership for Social Change 2019 Calendar

02/01/19

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02/02/19

Session 01: Leadership for Social Change Opening Retreat

Hilton Garden Inn Columbus - Airport, 4265 Sawyer Road, Columbus, OH 43219

Nyeela Hughes and LC Johnson

In order to lead teams, projects, and social movements, you must first understand what it means to be the leader in your own life. Nyeela Hughes will kick off our ten-month program by helping participants to explore what holds them back from leading themselves toward self-care, inward confidence, and proactive life vision. During the remainder of our retreat, you will meet the other women of your cohort, discuss program structure and expectations, and create a compelling vision for how you want to impact and lead in your communities.

03/14/19

Session 02: Authentic Leadership & Leading from Your Strengths

YWCA Center for Women 65 South Fourth Street, Columbus, OH 43215

Kaydian Comer

The self-aware leader has an in-depth understanding of their own strengths and the strengths of their team. Each participant will receive a copy of the book Strengths Finders and have an opportunity to participate in the Strengths Finders assessment. During Session 2, we will discuss how your unique strengths can aid you in greater team engagement and leadership. You will leave feeling empowered to show up powerfully and authentically in both your professional and personal life.

04/11/19

Session 03: Putting Your Passions to Work

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Tonya Tiggett

The Leadership for Social Change program requires all participants to engage in a ten-hour service project with a non-profit, by using their unique strengths to help the organization to fulfill its mission. During Session 3, you will be led in a process for identifying a need and crafting a strengths-based proposal to a non-profit organization of your choosing. The skills gained during this session can be used again and again for crafting and proposing passion-based projects at work and in your community!

05/09/19

Session 04: Feminist Social Justice Activism

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Kim Brazwell

Female leadership in social justice movements requires an intersectional feminist lens. But what does that even mean? Kim Brazwell, a respected local educator and activist, will help participants to unfold the complexity of leading at work and in your community, while simultaneously fighting against racism, sexism, and other forms of inequality for yourself and others.

06/13/19

Session 05: Community Organizing for Social Change

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Molly Shack

The term "organizing" is often used in relation to community work, but what exactly is the function of organizing within our socio-political umbrella, and how is organizing different from advocacy and service work? Join Molly Shack, a feminist leader of the People's Justice Project and Ohio Organizing Collaborative, for answers to these questions as well as an in-depth review of successful community organizing tactics.

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07/11/19

Session 06: "Friend"raising and Fundraising for Your Big Idea

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Terri Williams Ifeduba and Kate Anderson

No leader in any social movement can ignore the impact of individual supporters, community partners or fiscal support, while attempting to make a change in their community. During Session 6, the YWCA Columbus' Marketing and Development team will lead participants in an interactive fundraising and marketing simulation for a fictional community project and wrap up the session by sharing the real life fundraising strategies and best practices they use in their work every day!

08/08/19

Session 07: Running for Office

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To be announced

Whoever you are. Wherever you have been. You have the opportunity right now to be heard and make a difference. Women are under-represented in all government offices, but now is the time to change that! During Session 7 participants will discuss the impact that women can make on the local and federal government, and what it takes to run for office.

09/12/19

Session 08: Social Entrepreneurship

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LC Johnson

Some people start businesses to improve the quality of their life, others seek to work for themselves, and some simply see an opportunity in the market that they can't resist. But sometimes the thing that tickles the entrepreneurial spirit in you is the desire to use business as a means of creating positive change. In this session, we will explore social entrepreneurship – what a social enterprise is, how they are transforming the landscape of social change, and how becoming a social entrepreneur may be a viable opportunity for transforming your life, your career, and your community!

10/10/19

Session 09: Making the Connection: Networking Workshop

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Stephanie Hannah

The word "networking" is enough to make many women cringe! This "Make the Connection" workshop encourages participants to shift from thinking of networking as a dreaded activity to thinking of it as an opportunity to make lasting, authentic connections with others! Participants will have the opportunity to practice their networking skills with YWCA Columbus Board members and Leadership for Social Change Alumni. After mingling over wine and hors d'oeuvres, participants will be led in a facilitated discussion around skills and best practices in networking.

11/09/19

Saturday

Session 10: Leadership for Social Change Closing Retreat

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Christie Angel and Nyeela Hughes

In November, we will spend the day together reflecting on the previous nine months and creating visions for stepping more powerfully into personal and professional leadership roles after the program is complete. This retreat will feature an intimate conversation with YWCA CEO Christie Angel, reflection on your service project experience, and a facilitated reflection session by Nyeela Hughes of SoulSyrup!

12/12/19

Graduation and Holiday Party

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The Leadership for Social Change graduation ceremony is a celebration of the year and all that we have learned together. You will be surrounded by inspiring women and sent off with encouraging words from women leaders in our community.

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