

YOUTH IN PLANNING PANEL

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**Engage
Transform
Inspire**

“How can youth play a more active role in shaping the economic and civic life of our communities?”



WHY ENGAGE YOUTH

The aim of the undergraduate experience is not only to prepare the young for productive careers, but also enable them to live lives of dignity and purpose; not only to generate new knowledge, but to channel that knowledge to human end; not merely to study government but to help shape a citizenry that can promote the public good.”

-Ernest Boyer 1987, 29

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement describes collaboration between institutions of higher education and their larger communities (local, regional/state, national, global) for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in the context of partnership and reciprocity.

Goals:

- Enrich scholarship, research and creative activity;
- Enhance curriculum, teaching and learning;
- Prepare educated, engaged citizens;
- Strengthen democratic values and civic responsibility;
- Address critical societal issues;
- And contribute to the public good.

-Carnegie Classification in Community Engagement

FORMS OF ENGAGEMENT

- **Service-Learning**
 - Problem-Based
 - Urban Planning, Visual Design, Technical Communications
 - Discipline-Based
 - Communication Studies, Environmental Ethics
- **Community-based Research**
 - Turnbull Wildlife Refuge
 - Women's Hearth
- **Internships**
 - Focus on Community-based Internships
 - Writers in the Community
 - Community Health
 - Career Services Internships
- **Co-Curricular Service**
 - SFL, Clubs & Orgs, Residence Life
 - K-12 Mentoring, Food Access

BENEFITS TO STUDENTS

- High Impact Practice (Kuh)
- Career Preparation

93% of Employers Surveyed Agree that “a candidate's demonstrated capacity to think critically, communicate clearly, and solve complex problems is more important than their undergraduate major.”

AAC&U Publication Spring 2013
It Takes More Than a Major: Employer Priorities for College Learning and Student Success - Hart Research Assoc.

- Innovative Thinkers
- Experience Applying Learning (Service-Learning & Internships)
- Intercultural Skills
- Life-long Learners
- Community Involvement
- Global Knowledge

- Deepening of student's civic learning/aptitudes

BENEFITS TO OUR COMMUNITY

- Transformative/Generative Partnerships
- Community Capacity Building
- Access to Resources
- Community Action Research
- Co-educators

**A STUDENT'S
PERSPECTIVE**

**SERVING AT EASTERN WASHINGTON
UNIVERSITY**

- Eagle Volunteer Leadership Program
 - Food Access – Mobile Food Bank
 - Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week
 - Personal Impact
 - Professional Impact
 - Impact at Eastern Washington University
- Service-Learning
 - Development of "Soft" Skills
 - Helping students identify interests/passions
 - Real life experience