



Connect SW PDX

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Connect SW PDX Community Liaison Duties Description

What does a Connect SW PDX Community Liaison do?

Connect SW PDX liaisons have an opportunity to participate in a community conversation with their neighbors and organizations that seek to better serve their neighborhood through a sponsored community forum, training and door-to-door canvassing. Liaisons provide an important community service that helps connect neighbors with resources and organizations of interest and identifies unmet needs and barriers to current program offerings that partner organizations can then respond to.

The following outlines the general schedule and expectations of a Connect SW PDX Community Liaison:

- “Listening & Action Pledge” Survey Training, March 2017 (Date/Time/Location to be determined, to be held within target neighborhood area, 2-4 hours):
 - Participate in a training program that covers the protocols for on-the-ground survey work.
- “Listening & Action Pledge” Survey, Door-to-Door Canvassing, April 2017 (Date/Time/Location to be determined, to be held within target neighborhood area, 4 hours or longer if interested):
 - Go door-to-door with a partner to engage your neighbors in conversation regarding their key environmental health issues, connect them with partnering organization resources to address needs, and give them the opportunity to sign a pledge
- Community Input & Survey Debrief Celebration (Date/Time/Location to be determined, May, 2017, to be held within target neighborhood area)
 - Join us for a dinner and conversation about how interested partners can be of service to help with environmental health projects in your neighborhood. Provide partners with input on how to best serve your community as well as related concerns and hear about the findings of our door-to-door survey in your neighborhood.

Who is involved in this effort?

Partner organizations include West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, SW Watershed Resource Center, Tryon Creek Watershed Council, Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, and West Willamette Restoration Partnership. This project is sponsored by Metro.

Is your community organization interested in participating?

Community organization leaders and members are welcome to participate in all levels of this process. Please note, community organizations may agree to provide a limited number of (cash) stipends for community liaisons. While WMSWCD will provide guidance on the amount of the stipends based on various levels of involvement and program contributions, we wish to be flexible regarding our community partners’ normal reimbursement structures. These stipends will be available on a first-come first-serve basis for community liaison leaders who can commit to the following:

- Participation in the community forum, “Listening & Action Pledge” survey training and implementation (as is outlined above).

- Survey team organization and support for the “Listening & Action Pledge” survey day (includes sending out reminders and providing support for any glitches that come up during survey days).
 - Those that have demonstrated community leadership skills within their representative organizations will be given priority.
- If feasible, translation support, as is needed
 - Liaisons who speak one or more of the languages present in the target area will be given priority.
 - According to the 2010 U.S. census, 27.6% of the residents of West Portland Park (project target) neighborhood identify themselves as belonging to one or more non-White racial or ethnic group(s). Forty-three percent of the students attending the neighborhood’s Markham Elementary School in 2014-15 identified as belonging to one or more non-White racial or ethnic group(s), with 18.1% of students considered English language learners (13 languages other than English represented).

Interested?

Contact Mary Logalbo at West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District for details: mary@wmswcd.org or 503.238.4775 x103.

Learn more at www.wmswcd.org/programs/connect-sw-pdx/