Community Partnership Coordinator (CPC)

Position Description

Community Partnership Coordinators (CPCs) will work within residence hall leadership as representatives of the Service-Learning Center in the residence halls. Their tasks will include the following:

(a). CPCs will work to build, foster, and maintain the already established service-learning partnership between their residence hall and a local Grand Rapids organization. This includes communicating with their community partners, recruiting students for regular involvement at their partner organizations, organizing transportation and other logistics, and participating in the service-learning themselves.

(b). CPCs will lead students in thoughtful reflection on their service-learning, exploring different questions and social justice issues raised by the experience. This could include leading both formal and informal discussion after a service-learning event, inviting an agency member to come speak at a residence hall program, partnering with other residence hall leadership to do programming related to local social justice, encouraging students to go to other relevant programs on campus, etc.

(c). CPCs will serve as active members of their hall’s Community Life Council (CLC). In this leadership role, they will partner with their RD and other CLC members to lead different hall programming throughout the year, including but not limited to participation in the county-wide food drive each October, (re)vision days, and the annual service auction to raise money for the hall’s partner organization.

In addition to their work in the residence halls, CPCs will participate in fall and spring retreats and gather bi-weekly with Service-Learning staff to receive support and information from the Service-Learning Center and explore and engage issues of local social justice as they relate to service-learning. These meetings will focus on the development of the CPCs as a cohesive community of thoughtful reflection facilitators and advocates of social justice.

On average the CPC position requires a 4-8 hour commitment each week, a commitment that varies depending on the time of year, each hall’s partnership, and how CPCs divide their tasks among one another. CPCs will arrive on campus the week before classes begin to participate in training and serve as StreetFest Leaders. CPCs will report to the student CPC Coordinator; Megan Kruis, Associate Director, Service-Learning Center; and the Resident Director. For more information, please contact the Service-Learning Center at slc@calvin.edu or 6-6455.

The Community Life Council (CLC) is facilitated by the RD and includes RAs, Barnabas, Cultural Discerners (CDs), Multicultural Activities Coordinators (MACs), Community Partnership Coordinators (CPCs), Sustainability Coordinators (SCs) and the Residence Hall Executive Team (RHET). The CLC meets twice a month to coordinate programming and discuss community issues. The CLC team plans weekly programs in the hall. In addition to weekly programs, the CLC is involved in planning/coordinating:

- September/October - Hall Retreat
- October - Collaborative programming with Unlearn Week (anti-racism)
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• January- Collaborative programming on Kill-a-Watt (sustainability issues)