

ARCHDIOCESAN LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY ORGANISING TRAINING

The Justice and Peace Office and the Sydney Alliance invite you to take part in a leadership and community organising training day in Term 1, 2015.



GET ORGANISED!

Staff and students will learn:

- How the Sydney Alliance and Catholic social teaching can enable them to take effective action on issues in their communities
- Peer and community organising skills including building public relationships, listening campaigns and power analysis
- Leadership skills including building effective volunteer organisations inside schools and responding to community needs e.g. SRC, prefects, liturgy and social justice committees

Staff and students will meet:

- Other students passionate about social justice, leadership and community renewal
- Trainers and small group leaders from across Sydney's diverse civil society organisations

Thursday, 12th March 2015

8:30am to 2:45pm

SOUTHERN REGION

300 The River Road, Revesby Heights

Registrations will close one week prior to the training (see registration form)

Who should attend? 5-10 Students from Year 10, 11 or 12 (& 1 Teacher*)

Students who:

- Are current or future student leaders;
- Have an interest in social justice;
- Have experienced disadvantage in their life
- Are passionate about their faith & church renewal
- Involved in Sydney Alliance activities in 2014
- Experienced World Youth Day

Teachers who:

- convene social justice or leadership activities;
- teach HSIE or equivalent courses;
- are Year Coordinators, Youth Ministry Coordinators or Pastoral Care Coordinators;
- teach Religious Education;
- are passionate about civic action

*optional - we recognise that there may be staffing constraints

ABOUT SYDNEY ALLIANCE

The Sydney Alliance brings together diverse religious organisations, community groups and unions to advance the common good and achieve a fair, just and sustainable city. The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is a lead organisation in the Sydney Alliance, believing that by using its tools of civic action, we can be Church in the world.

During 2014, over 50 leaders from Catholic Schools across Sydney were trained in community organising. The training has helped formed strong and committed young leaders passionate about justice and their faith.



What does the Sydney Alliance do?

The Sydney Alliances strengthens civil society by

- Training grassroots leaders from churches, schools, ethnic communities etc to build strong communities that take civic action
- Building relationships between and across Sydney's diversity
- Involving everyday people in public action to transform our city, with a current focus on social inclusion (youth, racism, and safety), transport and community health and support.



Why is the Catholic Archdiocese Involved?

In 2008, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney joined the Sydney Alliance following World Youth Day.

Engagement with the Alliance is about revitalizing parishes and Catholic organisations as much as it is about social justice. The Alliance assists Catholics to strengthen community both within their faith community and beyond. The Alliance is an opportunity for Catholics to reclaim a lead role in Sydney's public sphere built on strong Catholic values of solidarity, common good and social justice, as well as take a hands on approach to alleviating the pressures on our schools and parishes.

Within the Alliance, Catholic youth have lead the way, with 70% of young people involved in the Sydney Alliance coming from Catholic schools or universities. The Alliance offers students a chance to be leaders in their parishes and broader communities and to help shape what happens in the public sphere.



"We used the training to run a listening campaign in our school. Issues that were raised were the need for lockers, less litter as well as greater feedback"

– Helena, Aquinas College, Menai

At the Sydney Alliance Founding Assembly I was honoured as a Christian to be representing our religion"

– Victoria, Mary Mackillarop College, Wakeley