Peer Facilitator │ Civic Engagement Module

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Student Learning Outcomes

- Students will be able to make connections between their passions/interests and community service opportunities.
- Students will be able to identify opportunities for meaningful service in the Charleston community.

Possible Activities

Meaningful Service

1. Begin with a pair and share activity: In what ways can you benefit from service? In what ways can service benefit you? (Provide students with the opportunity to share their ideas with the large group before moving on)

2. Have students work in small groups to generate a list of previous service experiences (i.e. Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Humane Society, etc.).

3. Once students have compiled a list, ask them as a large group to identify the social issue that each service experience addressed (i.e. Habitat for Humanity = Affordable housing; Meals on Wheels = Food security; Human Society = Animal rights/advocacy, etc.).

4. Once students have made connections between previous service and social issues, ask them to generate another list of any additional social issues about which they are passionate.
5. Explain to students that when they make connections between their passions and the kind of service they engage in, the service will be enriched and more meaningful to both the volunteer and the community.

6. Direct students to the Trident United Way Go Volunteer guide (available by request in the Center for Civic Engagement) as a catalog resource with local non-profits and volunteer opportunities listed and organized by issue area.

7. Encourage students to setup an appointment in the Center for Civic Engagement to learn more about local nonprofits that address issues about which students are passionate.

8. Promote the Center for Civic Engagement volunteer listserv as another resource for students to sign up for and learn more about upcoming volunteer opportunities open to students and addressing a variety of social issues.

**Listserv Subscription Instructions:**

Email listserv@listserv.cofc.edu with “Subscribe volunteer@listserv.cofc.edu Your Full Name” in the body.

(e.g. subscribe volunteer@listserv.cofc.edu Maggie Szeman)

Make sure that the volunteer email address in the body of the message is NOT a hyperlink. You can leave the subject heading blank.

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**Guest Speakers**

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