

Diversity and Civic Leadership Program FY 2008-09 Summary of accomplishments

Issue campaigns

Various issues DCL groups were engaged in FY 2008-09

- Thomas Cully Park Master Plan (LN)
- Cully Green Streets Project (LN)
- Vecino's de Alerta – Neighborhoods on Alert (LN)
- Food vending (LN)
- Landscaping (LN)
- Traffic control (LN)
- Police dialogue project (LN)
- Gang awareness (NAYA)
- Recycling (Urban League)
- Green jobs and the stimulus (UL)
- HIV prevention/AIDS (UL)
- Safety of immigrant and refugee teenagers (IRCO)
- Gender specific swimming pools (CIO, IRCO)
- Improving recruitment and retention of immigrant and refugee applicants (IRCO)
- ONI budget (all)
- Improving contract awards from catering to construction for immigrant/refugee contractors (IRCO)
- Multnomah County budget (IRCO)

Governments, Bureaus

Various government agencies and city bureaus DCL groups actively partnered with.

- Parks and Recreation (LN, IRCO)
- PBOT (LN)
- BES (LN)
- ONI (LN)
- Police (LN, IRCO)
- Human Relations (LN)
- Trimet (NAYA)
- Multnomah County (NAYA, IRCO)
- Bureau of Planning (NAYA, IRCO)
- Mayor's office – Vision Into Action (all)
- Office of Sustainability (Urban League)
- Human Relations (IRCO)
- Purchasing Bureau (IRCO)
- Bureau of Housing (IRCO, NAYA)

Partnerships with other organizations

Various community organizations and coalitions DCL groups actively partnered with.

- Cully Association of Neighbors
- Coalition for a Livable Future
- Verdes
- OPAL
- Our United Villages
- Cascade AIDS Project

Trainings and topics

Workshops, training series and various leadership topics DCL groups organized.

- Gang awareness (NAYA)
- Indigenous Worldview as it Relates to City Government (NAYA)
- Social Justice Forums (advocacy, community issue campaigns) (UL)
- How to Make the City Work for You (UL)
- Engage '08 (IRCO)
- PILOT – Portland Immigrant Leadership and Organizing Training (CIO, OA, LN)
 - Basics of City Government
 - Introduction to Community Organizing
 - Cross-cultural community movement building
 - Conflict resolution
 - Community-based leadership

Boards, Commissions, Advisory Committees

Various committees DCL groups had constituents represented on, primarily leadership training participants.

- PIAC (NAYA, UL, IRCO)
- Planning and Sustainability Commission (NAYA)
- Vision into Action Steering Committee (NAYA)
- ONI BAC (NAYA, UL)
- Parks and Recreation board (NAYA)
- Human Relations Commission (NAYA)
- Portland Development Commission (UL)
- Housing and Community Development Commission (NAYA, IRCO)
- Vision Council (NAYA)
- Oregon Community Fund Leadership Council (UL)

OTHER STRATEGIES FOR ENGAGING THEIR CONSTITUENCIES

Below are various public involvement methodologies used by DCL organizations.

Surveys and questionnaires

- Community questionnaire – education and jobs (LN)
- 1000 surveys collected on immigrant refugee issues (CIO, LN, OA)

Issue Forums/dialogues/conferences

- African/African American dialogues (UL, CIO)
- Portland African American Leadership Team (UL)
- City Speakers Project – public speakers bureau before City Council (IRCO)
- Organized dozens to tell their stories to media and elected officials (CIO, OA, LN)
- Statewide grassroots table – 35 immigrant refugee organizations (CIO, OA, LN)

Media, social, video

- Video – 17 elder interviews – The History of Urban Indian Organizing (NAYA)
- Talk radio (UL)
- Media Center – Mt. Hood Cable Commission grant (CIO)

Community gatherings

- Portland Youth and Elders Council – organized Steering Committee (NAYA)

Organizing – rallies, door to door

- Door to door survey and outreach (UL w OPAL)
- Mobilized thousands at rallies, protests, public hearings (CIO)

Reports

- The State of Black Oregon (UL)
- Uniting Cultures in Portland: Bridging the Gaps in City Policy (CIO, LN, OA)

Beautification project

- Neighborhood cleanup (LN)

Youth engagement

- Advocacy training with Middle and High Students (NAYA)
- Black Student Union organizing (PSU, Jefferson, Parkrose HS)