

Our Mission

We dream
of our schools
and community
being free of
bullying,
harassment,
prejudice
and discrimination.

How can we as
students,
teachers,
parents,
and the
community
at large make that
happen?



confidence *caring* *courage* *kindness* *friendship* *ability*

Windham Southeast Supervisory Union
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Middle School Leadership Retreat

August 7 - 9, 2011

For WSESU
6th, 7th and 8th Graders
School-based adult partners
and
New England Youth Theater



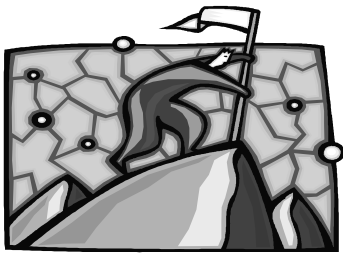
Design & Facilitation:

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Diana Wahle, WSESU
Stephen Stearns, NEYT
Plus four Collegiate High School
student interns

Leadership Development

This is a leadership development opportunity for:

- Interpersonal and cultural competence
- Resisting negative peer pressure
- Peaceful conflict resolution
- Self-awareness and advocacy skills



Who Can Come?

A maximum of 55 youth will be accepted for this retreat. Participants will have a range of backgrounds, experience and skills so we encourage you to apply regardless of prior involvement in this kind of activity. Participants will be involved in follow-up activities throughout the 2011-2012 school year.

Deadline for sign up June 15, 2011!

Partnership

A strong partnership of youth and adults has shown itself to be the most effective way to help a community move in a positive direction.

We aim to build this partnership through a three day training in the social competencies which will provide participants with the skills to respond to incidents of discrimination and create a safe and peaceful environment.



New Skills

Based on their own concerns and hopes, participants will gain **skills** to use in their daily lives to help them:

- Resist negative peer pressure and dangerous situations
- Encourage positive interactions between peers
- Build strong caring connections with others who are different from them
- Learn skills and activities that they will share with others in their own school and in WSESU elementary schools.

A Busy Schedule!

Sunday, August 7

1:00 - 5:30 PM at SIT

Review of the purpose and plan for our three days together. Stephen Stearns will use theater exercises and activities to explore creative, positive approaches to expanding the social competencies.

**Monday, August 8
& Tuesday, August 9**

9:00-4:00 PM at SIT

Fun and lively physical games and exercises mixed with reflective discussions. Through forging friendships, community building and the development of trust, we open up to new possibilities in dealing with difficult situations.

For More Information

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