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## Training & Professional Development

Excel Youth Zone (XYZ) will train in and after school educators, administrators, parents and community organizations on how to add a service-learning component in their classroom, afterschool setting or even home. Service-learning can be added to an existing or new curriculum to meet grade level and subject content requirements and youth development goals. In each professional development opportunity, XYZ certified trainers (<http://excelyouthzone.org/misc/coaches.pdf>) will advise on accessing resources and strategies to conduct high quality service-learning projects.

XYZ offers a vast number of trainings and workshops geared towards educators interested in developing a service-learning program in their school or after school program. There are also many courses and conferences offered through [outside organizations](#). For a small fee, XYZ is willing to coach you (<http://excelyouthzone.org/misc/coaching.pdf>) through the Service-Learning process.

### Check out our list of trainings, workshops, conferences and more!

- [Service-Learning Council of San Diego's Service Event](#)
- [Excel Youth Zone's Service-Learning Professional Development Series](#)
- [Excel Youth Zone's Youth Activities & Workshops](#)
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### Excel Youth Zone's Service-Learning Council Events (FREE)

Excel Youth Zone's Service-Learning Council of San Diego consists of educators, administrators, youth advocates, after school coordinators, community organization staff, event planners, Excel Youth Zone staff, AmeriCorps members, and anyone interested in youth development. The members of the Council work towards increasing awareness of service-learning and provide networking and resource sharing events to support successful and sustainable service-learning projects and programs. To become a member of the Council please contact [Allie Chi](#), Volunteer Coordinator at [achi@excelyouthzone.org](mailto:achi@excelyouthzone.org).

Each One Teach Many (is a FREE event that features student exhibition of service-learning projects, a panel of elementary through high school students share their inspiring stories of service, and an opportunity to create a collaborative "Each One-Teach Many" book to be donated to refugee children of Uganda for the [Books of Hope](#) ([www.booksofhope.org](http://www.booksofhope.org)) project. This year's event was a success on October 8, 2009 and we look forward to hosting again next year during [National Learn & Serve Challenge Week](#) (<http://www.learnandservechallenge.org/>).

Reflection Connection: Serve<->Connect<->Learn is a FREE Event for educators, community organizations and students (middle school and older) to come find inspiration to engage in service-learning projects in and out of the classroom.



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Participants network and collaborate with award-winning service learning practitioners, educators, youth and organizations, and participate in a World Café discussion with experts who can help you bring your ideas to life and find best practices. Space is limited for this event held on January 28, 2010 4:30 – 6 p.m. so register now at

<http://www.excelyouthzone.org/misc/ReflectConnectRegistrationform.doc> .

## **Excel Youth Zone's Engaging Students Through Service Service-Learning Professional Development Series**

All trainings and workshops are appropriate for all educators (teachers, afterschool staff, administrators, principals and parents) as well as community organizations that currently are, or are interested in, engaging youth to the organization's mission.

If you would like to register for the following trainings or workshops, please click the links for more information.

### An Introduction to Service-Learning:

<http://www.excelyouthzone.org/misc/Introregform2-11-10.doc>

This training will teach you the essentials of integrating service with academic learning (and California state standards) in simple, exciting steps. Explore the key elements of successful high-quality service-learning, demonstrate how to integrate service into your curriculum, and provide a number of resources to support service-learning in your classroom or club.

### PeaceJam Curriculum Training:

<http://excelyouthzone.org/misc/PeaceJamTraining-12-5-09.pdf>

The PeaceJam Foundation along with Excel Youth Zone is excited to offer a one-day training (8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.) on PeaceJam service-learning curriculum programs. These comprehensive programs give you and the young people you work with the ability to affect change in your community and to meet\* and spend the weekend with a Nobel Peace Prize Winner! (\*Leaders and Ambassadors programs only) Register now! (link to PeaceJam Training - 12-05-09).

### STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) Workshop:

<http://excelyouthzone.org/misc/STEMregform10-29-09.doc>

Learn the ways to engage all students in STEM, gain project ideas for in-school and afterschool, and learn how to effectively use service-learning as a tool to teach STEM. (NOTE: this training is being reschedule for March 2010)

### Environmental Education Workshop:

[http://excelyouthzone.org/misc/Envir\\_reg\\_form\\_1-26-10.doc](http://excelyouthzone.org/misc/Envir_reg_form_1-26-10.doc)



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Learn environmental education projects you can do on-site, gain project ideas for in-school and afterschool, and learn how to effectively use service-learning as a tool to teach environmental education.

#### Character Education Workshop:

(<http://excelyouthzone.org/misc/Charedregform2-25-10.doc>)

Learn the nuts and bolts of character education, gain project ideas for in-school and afterschool, and learn how to effectively use service-learning as a tool to teach character education.

The Comprehensive Service-Learning Training: Get more bang for your buck! We offer a day-long service-learning course. While the course is open to all educators, employees of San Diego Unified School District qualify for discover credit. This hands-on training is an "All-in-One." You will receive our introduction to service-learning, as well as character education, on-site projects, student motivation, creating partnerships and reflection. The next training will be Summer 2010, date to be determined. To receive an invitation once registration is open, please contact [Jennifer Hamilton](mailto:jhamilton@excelyouthzone.org) at [jhamilton@excelyouthzone.org](mailto:jhamilton@excelyouthzone.org).

#### Tailored Trainings:

(<http://excelyouthzone.org/misc/XYZservicemenu9-09.pdf>)

Interested in a specific service-learning theme or an ongoing, on-site training series for your entire school staff? For a fee, we will design and provide a training tailored to your needs.

### **Excel Youth Zone's Youth Activities and Workshops**

Service-learning projects are the perfect platform for youth to acquire and practice essential leadership skills. Excel Youth Zone has received state and national recognition for our facilitation of youth leadership trainings and after-school clubs (<http://www.excelyouthzone.org/program.htm>). We can now bring these proven techniques to your youth. Choose from our extensive menu of one-hour teambuilding, project planning and leadership workshops. An Excel Youth Zone coach will facilitate the workshop for you and your youth.

Topics include but are not limited to:

- Team Communication
- Diversity
- Public Speaking
- Assess Community Needs
- Goal Setting
- Planning & Organizing
- Problem Solving
- Time Management
- Finding Partners/Stakeholders

Price for a one-hour workshop is \$150. If you are interested in a topic not listed, for \$250 we can create an original workshop tailored to your needs.



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### [The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual National Service-Learning Conference: Inspire! Imagine!](#)

#### [Innovate:](#)

[\(http://nslc.nylc.org/\)](http://nslc.nylc.org/)

March 24-27, 2010, *San Jose, CA* Through invigorating days of general sessions, featured forums, and service-learning projects, the conference engages participants in the myriad local, national, and global issues that service-learning addresses. It provides networking opportunities with service-learning leaders through more than 200 experiential workshops, receptions, and informal meetings.

### [BOOST Best of Out-of-School Time Conference:](#)

[\(http://boostconference.org/\)](http://boostconference.org/)

April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 1, 2010, *Palm Springs, CA* Join one of the nation's largest, most recognized and comprehensive conferences for after school and out-of-school time professionals. Set in a retreat-like atmosphere, this extraordinary event will rejuvenate your passion and boost your direction for quality programming. Experience the most invigorating blend of networking and teambuilding opportunities, exceptional workshop presenters to learn and grow with and the latest trends and research in out-of-school time programming. Connect with over 125 Exhibitors sharing the newest resources, products and services to enhance your programs. Have an opportunity to experience guest speakers, special events, and entertainment that will inspire you to create change.

### [National Conference on Volunteering and Service:](#)

<http://www.volunteeringandservice.org/index.html>

New York to host 2010 Conference Co-convened by HandsOn Network and the Corporation for National and Community Service, the annual event provides attendees with an opportunity to learn, connect, and be inspired through a wide range of exciting and informative plenary sessions, workshops, special events, service projects, exhibits, specialized "tracks," and more.

### [Youth Service Institute:](#)

<http://ysa.org/ProgramsServices/YouthServiceInstitute/tabid/181/Default.aspx>

Youth Service America hosted this annual conference on October 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> 2009. Global Youth Service Day Lead Agencies, National Partners, and others interested in the youth service movement share stories, network with peers, build their capacity to develop effective programs, and increase the number of community minded youth.

### [Gardening with Class: San Diego School Garden & Nutrition Conference:](#)

<http://www.mastergardenerssandiego.org/schools/schools.php>

April 24, 2010 *San Diego, CA* The conference is for educators and school garden coordinators to develop and enhance your school garden program. Participants



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can link school gardens to academic achievement, personal growth, healthy nutrition, environmental stewardship, community and social development.

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[TAKE THE LEAD Teen Summit:](http://www.volunteercenter.org/sponsors.php#Teen%20Summit)

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March 12, 2010 *Cal State Fullerton* The largest youth conference of its kind in Southern California, the summit will feature dozens of inspirational workshops and a dynamic and inspiring key-note speaker to be announced.

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