



Mel King Institute

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September 2011 Fall Learning Opportunities



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The Mel King Institute's fall curriculum schedule is packed full of great learning opportunities for community development leaders of every experience level. Below are some of our featured upcoming events but be sure to visit www.melkinginstitute.org for additional event information and our full list of upcoming learning opportunities.



Take advantage of our upcoming fall workshops and experience what folks are talking about!

Please share and promote any of your upcoming community development learning opportunities with the Mel King Institute by contacting us at melkinginstitute@macdc.org and be sure to keep an eye out for our future monthly updates.

MKI - Fall Course Offerings

Undoing Racism

**Presented by the People's Institute
September 22-24, 2011**

Simmons College, 300 The Fenway, Boston

Co-Sponsored by the Haymarket People's Fund, Simmons College, Boston College, and the Mel King Institute

Through dialogue, reflection, role-playing, and presentations, this intensive workshop challenges participants to analyze the structures of power and privilege that hinder social equity and prepares them to be effective organizers for justice.



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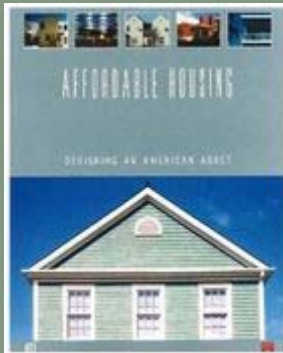
Interesting Reading

Stanford SOCIAL INNOVATION REVIEW

[The Limited Returns on Fundraising Support for Nonprofits](#) by: Paul Connolly



[Subsidies and Suspicion](#) by: Jennifer Medina



[Affordable Housing: Designing an American Asset](#) by: Adrienne Schmitz

Transformative Governance for Community Impact

Training Series for CDC Boards

[Registration Application](#): Board Team Applications Due September 9, 2011

We would like to invite you to participate in an exciting and unique opportunity to help strengthen your Board of Directors. This "state of the art" governance training will provide your Board members with innovative best practices; concrete strategies; and tools to help strengthen your Board's effectiveness and ability to impact your community. It is specifically designed for CDC boards; helping them engage more directly and become more accountable to the diverse communities they serve.

Session I: October 5, 2011, 4-8pm

Session II: November 4, 2011, 9:30am-3:00pm

[Additional Information and Registration](#)

LISC Seminar for CDC Project Managers

Seminar Leader: Henry Joseph

[Registration Application](#): September 20, 2011 Deadline

The purpose of this seminar is to provide CDC project managers with an opportunity to develop their knowledge of real estate development and their project planning and problem-solving skills in a manner that draws on the knowledge and experience of their peers, as well as the seminar leader.

The seminar will meet once a month, for about four hours. If possible, the location will rotate each month among the CDCs whose project managers are participating in the seminar.

[Additional Information and Registration](#)

Affordable Housing Design Leadership Institute

September 21-23, 2011
Cambridge, MA



The second annual Affordable Housing Design Leadership Institute will bring together leaders on the frontline of affordable housing design and development for a two-and-a-half day session focused on innovation and best practices. Two teams: a Design Resource Team of seven expert design innovators and a Development Team of seven forward-thinking developers with projects in the schematic design phase, will join forces to create solutions that will impact real affordable housing projects nationwide. The session will help community development leaders put into action best practices in sustainable community design, transit-oriented development, and green architectural design.

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Community Development BlogRoll

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[Making the Connections: MACDC's Blog](#)

[PolicyLink: EquityBlog](#)

[NeighborWorks News](#)

[National Development Council Blog](#)

[Somerville Voices](#)

[Allston Brighton Community Blog](#)

[MassHousing](#)

[Rooflines: National Housing Institute](#)

[Whitehouse Office of Urban Affairs](#)

[StreetsBlog](#)

[Interaction Institute](#)

[NACEDA Blog](#)

CDCs in the News!



[Boston Activist Joins New England Civil Rights Hall of Fame](#)
By: Sara Brown

Mel King Institute Funders

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LISC Greater Boston

Strategic Decision Making for Community Based Organizations

NonProfit Conference

The Nonprofit Center

September 27, 2011; 9am-4:30pm

89 South Street, Boston, MA 01701

ESC of New England, Third Sector New England, and Citi have partnered with the Mel King Institute for Community Building to host a Nonprofit Professional Development Conference that is designed and facilitated by volunteer consultants. Workshops are interactive, full of user friendly information, tools, templates, and provide great opportunities for participants to network and initiate collaborative relationships. Available 2-hour session topics include:

- Action Plans: Turning Vision into Reality for Nonprofits
- What Difference are you Making?: Developing Outcome Measures
- Program Prioritization

[Additional Information and Registration](#)

Registration Deadline: September 20, 2011

Introduction to Community and Economic Development

September 30, 2011; 9am-4:30pm

Boston LISC, First Floor Conference Rm. B

95 Berkeley Street, Boston, MA 02116

This training course is intended to support new community development employees, interns, volunteers, and participants by providing a solid understanding of basic concepts and trends that have guided, and continue to guide, progression within the Community Development field.

[Additional Information and Registration](#)

Registration Deadline: September 23, 2011

Making Use of Census Data for Local Planning Projects

October 6, 2011; 10:00am-12:00pm

Boston, MA

Guest Presenter: Ezra Haber Glenn (MIT DUSP)

The Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) now provides a wealth of census data on demographics, housing, jobs, transportation, and other topics at the level of individual census tracts -- perfect for CDCs and neighborhood planning projects. Better yet, unlike the old "long-form" census you grew up with, the ACS will be updated every year: finally, we have the ability to use current census data at the neighborhood scale, and we don't need to wait 10 years for new numbers!

But there's a catch: the ACS requires some new ways of thinking about how we use numbers and how we deal with uncertainty and change. This hands-on session will draw on real-world examples to help you learn how to get and use ACS data to make sense of your own community.

[Additional Information and Registration](#)

Registration Deadline: October 1, 2011

MassHousing

Massachusetts Housing
Partnership

NeighborWorks America

[Additional Funders](#)

501c3 Organizations and their Board Members

**October 26, 9:00-11:00am, Breakfast and Networking 8:30am
Boston Private Bank & Trust Company**

10 Post Office Square, Boston, MA 02109



This 2-hour, interactive seminar will be led by a tax-exempt organization specialist. The agenda will include the role of your board, director duties, board composition, board procedures, policies, as well as other compliance issues and director liabilities.

Co-sponsored by Boston Private Bank and Trust Company, The Lawyers Clearinghouse, and Rackemann, Sawyer & Brewster.

To register please contact Machiko Sano Hewitt:
msanohe Witt@lawyersclearinghouse.org

Registration Deadline: October 22, 2011

Best Practices for Hiring General Contractors

November 2-3, 2011; 9:00am-4:00pm

The Nonprofit Center (89 South Street, Boston, MA 02111)

Instructor: Jennifer Pinck (Pinck and Co., Inc.)

This training will provide participating community development practitioners with strategies, techniques and resources needed to achieve their economic development and hiring goals while fully complying with all state and federal regulations, in the hiring and oversight of general contractors for real estate projects. Topic areas of focus include:

- Construction Contracts Overview - basic structure, types, when to use
- How to Select and Hire a Contractor - in private and public sector
- Incorporating Stakeholder requirements - from funders to city's and everyone in between
- Accomplishing Economic and Other Objectives - strategies for compliance and results - a panel discussion

[Registration Information](#)

Registration Deadline: October 25, 2011

Upcoming Events & Conferences

New Market Tax Credits

November 9-10

Worcester, MA

Economic Development Finance

December 5-7, 2011

Boston, MA

Partner Events

LAWYERSCLEARINGHOUSE

Affordable Housing • Community Development
Nonprofit Legal Assistance • Homelessness Prevention



September Nonprofit Legal Seminars

Nonprofit Incorporation Seminar
September 15, 2011

Please Contact Machiko Sano Hewitt for Additional Registration Information:
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[Additional Information](#)

Offender Employment Specialist Training (OEST)

September 16,23,30, 2011; 8:30am-4:00pm

Bunker Hill Community College

Sponsored by the Commonwealth Workforce Coalition

The Commonwealth Workforce Coalition is offering an Offender Employment Specialist Training (OEST) and Certification this fall in partnership with Bunker Hill Community College, MA Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, New England Center for Homeless Veterans, and the Middlesex and Hampden County Sherriff's Departments.

[Additional Information and Registration](#)



Pathway to Change: Tools and Practices for Collaborative Planning

Sponsored by the Interaction Institute for Social Change

September 20-22,2011; Boston, MA

Nonprofit Organizations are confronting issues today that are so complex that the problems are not well defined and the solutions are not the least bit clear. Collaboration is no longer optional; it is an imperative. We must find new and creative ways to come together to build relationships, think strategically, and chart our way forward to a better future. To do this well requires a new mindset, heartset, and skill set, which is what IISC offers in their Pathway to Change™ workshop.

[Additional Information and Registration](#)



Grant Writing Workshop

Presented by the Massachusetts Port Authority and Grant Writing USA
September 22-23, 2011

MassPort Fire Rescue Headquarters
162 Harborside Drive, East Boston, MA 02128

This 2-day grants workshop is intended for grant seekers across all disciplines. Participants will learn effective strategies to locate relevant grants and to write winning proposals. Nonprofit discounts are available.



[Additional Information and Registration](#)

Minority Enterprise Development Week

September 23, 2011

UMass Boston Campus Center

Sponsored by Associated Minority Business Enterprises of New England

Associated Minority Business Enterprises of New England proudly presents Minority Enterprises Development Week (MED Week) Awards Celebration and Conference. This event is being held in conjunction with the National MED Week Celebration to recognize the outstanding achievements of minority business owners and to honor those corporations, agencies and financial institutions that support minority business development.

[Additional Information and Registration](#)

Zero Net Energy Housing Workshop

October 13, 2011; 5:00pm-8:00pm

MassDevelopment (33 Andrews Parkway, Devens)

A review of building techniques for high energy-efficient homes that produce as much energy as they consume. Enjoy a tour of Zero Net Energy homes already under construction in Devens and an opportunity to engage in a question and answer period with Carter Scott, one of the states pre-eminent sustainable developers.

[Additional Information and Registration](#)



Academic Roundtable

IDEAS Boston

October 20, 2011; 8:00am

UMass Boston Campus Center Ballroom

IDEAS Boston is an annual conference that showcases some of the most cutting-edge thinkers in the region from every conceivable discipline. Moderated by NPR's Tom Ashbrook, the event will feature 16 innovators from medicine, finance, the arts, science, education, business and more.



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Community Change Inc.
Resources for Justice



The Community Change Inc. [Resource Center](#) is an excellent resource to assist community development practitioners in their exploration of race, equity, and anti-racism.

The Mel King Institute for Community Building is a collaborative program of MACDC and LISC and other public, private and nonprofit community development partners.

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