



Bipartisan Advocacy: Finding Common Ground
National Campaign for Political and Civic Engagement
September 26-28, 2014

Friday, September 26, 2014

5:00 – 7:00 pm

Welcome Reception

An informal gathering for those who have already arrived in Cambridge.

Location: Allison Dining Room
John F. Kennedy School of Government
Taubman Building
Cambridge, MA 02138

7:00 pm

Optional: Dessert in Boston

An informal student trip into Boston.

Led by: IOP National Campaign students

Meet in the lobby of the Harvard Square Hotel

Saturday, September 27, 2014

9:00 am

Breakfast and Introductions

Meet the 2014-15 National Campaign Ambassadors.

Location: Malkin Penthouse
4th floor, Littauer Building

10:00 am

Politics and Advocacy: Creating Opportunities

Hear how two public servants who are improving their communities by working across party lines.

Leader Stacey Abrams, House Minority Leader for the Georgia General Assembly and State Representative, New Frontier Recipient

Governor Christine Gregoire, 22nd Governor of Washington, 2005-2013 and IOP Fellow

Moderated by: Gene Corbin, Dean for Public Service, Harvard College

Location: Starr Auditorium

11:00 am

Workshop: Barriers to Negotiation in Partisan Conflicts

A workshop to help understand how easy it is to fall prey to bias and conflict escalation. Learn from examples of different causes of negative relations.

Kessely Hong, Lecturer in Public Policy,
Harvard Kennedy School
Location: Starr Auditorium

12:30 pm

Lunch and Panel Discussion: Fostering Bipartisanship

A conversation with representatives from four organizations who are dedicated to fixing partisanship in Washington. How do they do it, is it working, and how you can help?

Sam Gilman, Co-Founder and CEO, Common Sense Action
Secretary Dan Glickman, Bipartisan Policy Center
Mark McKinnon, Founder, NoLabels
Steven Olikara, Founder, Millennial Action Project

Moderated by: Farah Stockman, Columnist, *The Boston Globe*
Location: Malkin Penthouse, 4th floor

2:00 pm

Workshop: Effective Communicating

Two of the nation's most respected communications experts who have worked with top Democrats and Republicans share thoughts and tips for effective communication.

Torie Clarke, Communications Consultant, Member of the
Institute of Politics Senior Advisory Committee
Michael Sheehan, Communication Trainer and Strategist
Location: Starr Auditorium

3:30 - 4:30 pm

Panel: Millennials in Action

A discussion with young people who have created movements in their communities and motivated their peers into action.

Lucas Gutterman, Student, University of Massachusetts Amherst
Abigail Mariam, Founder, I, Too, Am Harvard
Aaron Smith, Founder, Young Invincibles
Moderated by: Kristen Soltis Andersen, IOP Fellow
Location: Starr Auditorium

4:30 - 5:15 pm

Workshop: Deliberative Democracy: Building Partnerships and Facilitating Dialogue*

Deliberative democracy seeks to affect decisionmaking by including the voices and opinions of all informed citizens. How do you facilitate conversations in a culturally competent way to include all relevant voices?

Janee Woods Weber, Program Officer, Everyday Democracy

Location: Starr Auditorium

*Janee Woods Weber will host a follow-up webinar on Friday, October 10th from 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Facilitation Skills for Democratic Dialogue

The webinar will focus more deeply on facilitation skills and techniques to help guide others through a democratic dialogue process on difficult or sensitive public issues.

7:30 pm

Optional: Dinner in Harvard Square

An informal student trip around the Square

Led by: IOP National Campaign students

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Sunday, September 28

8:30 am

Administrator's Breakfast and Discussion

Location: Littauer 166

John Della Volpe, IOP Polling Director

9:00 am

Student Breakfast

Location: Bell Hall

10:00 am

Breakout Discussions and Presentation of Plans

o Immigration Reform and Its Impact on Undocumented College Students

Location: L140

Led by: Maggie Morgan, Albert M. Sacks Clinical Teaching & Advocacy Fellow at the Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program

o Sexual Assault Prevention and Response

Location: Littauer 166

Led by: Wendy Murphy, Adjunct Professor of Sexual Violence at New England Law, Trial Lawyer

o Voting Rights/Accessibility and Redistricting and the Politics of College Towns

Location: Bell Hall

Led by: Trey Grayson, former Secretary of State from KY; appointed member of Presidential Election Commission

o Student Debt

Location: Littauer 275

Led by: Aaron Smith, founder, Young Invincibles

11:30 am

Report back on group discussions

Each school shares their main goal for the semester.

Led by: Laura Simolaris/NC Student Committee

Location: Starr Auditorium

12:00 pm

Moving Forward: Where Do We Go From Here?

Recap what we have learned, and what we will do this semester, individually and as a group.

Led by: Laura Simolaris/NC Student Committee

Location: Starr Auditorium

1:00 pm

Conference Concludes