

Workshop Proposal from Minneapolis IT Department

Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Relations Community Connections Conference

- Saturday, March 22, 8:00a.m. to 4:30p.m.
- Minneapolis Convention Center
- Workshop time slots: (1) morning – 10:15-11:45 am, (2) early afternoon – 1:15-2:45 pm, (3) late afternoon – 3:00-4:30 pm

Theme: Thinking Bigger - Collaborations Will Get You There

Neighborhood Vitality through Digital Equity

Brief description:

Use neighborhood specific results of the 2014 Minneapolis Community Technology Survey to launch a discussion about the impact of computers, mobile devices and the Internet in your community. Get ideas about how technology can be used as a tool to meet your goals. Share successes and solutions to overcome challenges together.

Through a moderated discussion, workshop participants will:

	Notes
1) Dig into neighborhood specific results of the 2014 Minneapolis Community Technology Survey to see how residents throughout the City are using computers, mobile devices and the Internet.	<p>Time: 25 mins</p> <p>Purpose: raise awareness of data, status of the digital divide, give highlights and orientation, participants can spend time with data at the neighborhood level</p> <p>Format</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Intro – Otto gives presentation and reference to visuals (10 mins) • Provide display boards/posters/packets showing community and neighborhood data (organized by the 11 Communities) (15 mins for participants to view and discuss the visuals)
2) Learn about technology resources for residents, neighborhoods and community organizations, and examples of success. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Community Tech Centers and Free Training 	<p>Time: 25 mins</p> <p>Format – speed presentations with references for follow up/to learn more</p> <p>Purpose: provide orientation to resources and how to learn more.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Twin Cities Media Alliance iii. Low cost computers and Internet for individuals iv. Minnesota Computers for Schools – for Organizations v. Tech Volunteers b. Examples of Success <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Digital Equity Program ii. Logan Park/Holland High Rise iii. Waite House – Community Engagement Program, Pillsbury United Communities iv. CTEP AmeriCorps – Minneapolis position and Minneapolis sites, opportunity for civic engagement projects for 2014-2015 program year 	<p>Show examples of successes.</p> <p>Participants can use what they learned about data for their community to see how resources could help to address needs and goals.</p>
<p>3) Stimulate bigger thinking to expand our impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the key challenges related to technology access and skills, and the impacts on community engagement and neighborhood goals • How we can collaborate to overcome challenges together? Identify solutions that would work well in your neighborhood and community to use technology as a tool to meet community goals. 	<p>Time: 30-40 mins</p> <p>Format: Facilitated discussion</p> <p>Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To share challenges from the IT Dept perspective (scaling up to overcome the gaps, cyber security, employment, tech support) • To hear challenges from participants • To gather solutions and ideas from the group, and insights into how neighborhood and community organizations see their role in supporting solutions
<p>Next steps: Compile notes and schedule follow up at NCEC meeting to discuss solution ideas, priorities, resources and actions.</p>	