Theme Community Application 2016-2017

Theme Communities serve as a residential experience through which students who were previously involved in the Learning Community program can create their own theme community experience as upperclass students. This is a unique residential experience that allows students to work collaboratively with faculty, staff, and their peers to live in community with one another and seek out opportunities to continue developing their own values while sharing their values with the larger Loyola University Chicago community.

All applications are due Friday, January 23, 2016 at 9:00am CST

If you would like more information about Theme Communities or to view a sample application, please refer to www.luc.edu/reslife

If you have any questions throughout the application process, please do not hesitate to contact Marci Walton, Assistant Director of Residence Life at mwalton3@luc.edu or 773-508-3351. Thank you for your interest!

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Community Information

[Required] Community Name
Service for Social Change

[Required] Community Statement
Please describe the mission and purpose of your community

The mission of the Service for Social Change Theme Community is to use education for intentional social change. We hope to explore our own identities and systems of injustice and oppression to help inform the service work that we do as a community. By opening up our events and service opportunities to our peers in the Loyola community, we hope to ignite a passion for social justice work and service to others.

[Required] Community Goals
Identify 3-5 specific goals your community will seek to accomplish by the end of the year. The goals should utilize the SMART goals format (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, and Timely). If you are having trouble creating SMART goals, please access this resource: http://bit.ly/1blnykT

- Host a workshop that is open to students of our residence hall to reflect on identity and privilege during Fall Semester to prepare them for a service day in Spring semester.
- Organize a service day in Chicago that is open to students of our residence hall in the Spring semester that builds off of the workshop in spring semester.
- Help plan a presentation or topic for SDMA's Social Justice Dinner Dialogues.

[Required] Community Programs: Internal
This program will occur monthly within the theme community to support community and professional development. Please include ideas and themes to be covered.

(Options could include, but are not limited to, viewing an art exhibit that speaks to your community’s theme, monthly dinner and discussion around a topic relating to your theme, etc.)

Each month, we will take turns organizing Taco Bout It, where we will watch a documentary or read about a current issue and discuss it as a community. We will choose a theme each month and invite a faculty or staff member who has relevant experience or research interests to join our community for discussion. Themes may include immigration, distribution of wealth, access to education, access to health care, and environmental justice.

[Required] Community Programs: External
Occurs once a semester and is developed by the theme community to benefit the larger campus community. (One option for meeting this requirement may be serving as mentors to first-year LC students.)

- In the Fall Semester, we will organize and host a workshop for the larger community for students to learn and reflect on identity and privilege in preparation for a service day in the Spring semester. We will invite staff and faculty who are connected to our themes to help us or participate.
- In the Spring Semester, we will organize a service day in Chicago for the larger community to participate in. We will additionally reach out to students, faculty, and staff who participated in the Fall workshop to participate with us.

[Required] Will your community have a common academic course? If yes, please provide the course number, title, and rationale for having the course. Please note this is NOT a requirement of the Theme Community program.

Our theme community will not have a common academic course.

Advisor Information

Each community will need to identify a faculty or staff advisor who will serve to assist in furthering community development throughout the year. Before submitting your application, you should speak with this person about the goals and scope of your community in order to gauge their interest.

Upon completion of the application, you will be emailed an Advisor Agreement Form. We ask that you bring a signed copy of this form with you to your interview conversation. More information on what is expected of advisors can be found on the Theme Community website located at www.luc.edu/reslife

If your group is having difficulty finding an advisor for your group, please type "N/A" in the boxes below and contact Marci Walton at mwalton3@luc.edu.
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