



STEP
FORWARD
2013 LEADERSHIP
SUMMIT

March 10 – 15, 2013

Honoring, and building upon, the foundation of the 1963 Birmingham Civil Rights Movement, the Step Forward Leadership Summit will provide 50 current and emerging leaders with learning experiences in community engagement and organizing, social advocacy and purpose-focused artistic creation.



The Step Forward Leadership Summit is a project of the Cultural Alliance of Greater Birmingham, with funding from The Kresge Foundation. Set for March 10 – 15, 2013, the Summit centers around the birthday of Birmingham Movement icon, the Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth, who would have been 91 on March 18.

Summit content addresses the citywide theme, “50 Years Forward,” in commemoration of the Birmingham Movement’s 50th anniversary and its pivotal role in American history. Just as Birmingham helped transform the world 50 years ago, the Summit seeks to encourage positive community transformation in 2013 and beyond.

The Summit is divided into two, two-day training workshops facilitated in partnership with Urban Bush Women (UBW), a dance company that uses movement methodology as a vehicle for teaching, organizing, communicating and promoting civic engagement and social justice. UBW will work in conjunction with People’s Institute for Survival and Beyond (PISAB), an anti-racist organization dedicated to social transformation.

Step Forward participants who are chosen for the training can register for one of the 2-day intensives, Monday-Tuesday (March 11-12) or Wednesday-Thursday (March 13-14). There will also be an opening convening session on Sunday, March 10, for all participants and additional culminating experiences on Friday, March 15, that will be open to all participants as well as to the general public.

Schedule of Events:

Opening Session: March 10, 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

2-Day Intensive (Session One): March 11 (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.) & March 12 (9 a.m. – 8 p.m.)

2-Day Intensive (Session Two): March 13 (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.) & March 14 (9 a.m. – 8 p.m.)

Culminating Experiences and Celebration/Party: March 15

Location:

JCCEO Kingston Center

801 46th Street North, Birmingham, AL 35212

Summit Workshops and Classes:

Understanding & Undoing Racism/Community Organizing (PISAB)

This process challenges participants to analyze the structures of power and privilege that hinder social equity and prepares them to be effective organizers for justice.

Entering, Building & Exiting Community (UBW)

Through experiential learning, participants gain tools and methodologies for entering, building and exiting community, including navigating a variety of assumptions regarding community-based practices. This workshop is not a presentational how-to guide about community relations. It is a mapping of experience using tools that may include theater games, writing, and movement exercises.

Asset Mapping (UBW)

Participants learn a process that assesses and focuses on the resources, skills and strengths available within a group and/or community, not on what is needed or lacking.

Collaboration Lab

Participants explore ways in which artistic creation takes place from themes emerging from the group and/or community. Various artistic genres including creative writing, visual art, dance and song are used to process, synthesize and communicate. Collaboration Lab is an experiential example of leveraging the arts as a vehicle for social engagement.

Dance for Every Body (UBW/optional)

This movement class is designed for all, even those with no prior dance experience. This jam/dance class embraces the ideas that each individual has a unique and powerful contribution to make and that our bodies are a powerful source of agency. The goal is for “every body” to find their level of comfort and partake according to their abilities, and to appreciate the group’s diversity as an attribute to their community.

The Step Forward Summit conveys a personal call to action and selflessness that echoes back 50 years to Rev. Shuttlesworth’s persistent and consistent messages to both a local and national community of leaders, organizers and citizens of all ages. Its goal is to train today’s transformational leaders who can inspire a renewed vision 50 years into the future, where the community steps forward together.



Presenting Partners:

The Cultural Alliance of Greater Birmingham funds, supports, and nurtures arts and cultural organizations and working artists in central Alabama. Like many citizens, the Cultural Alliance believes that arts and culture enhance many lives and communities. The Cultural Alliance's mission is to advocate for the cultural sector. The Cultural Alliance oversees the implementation of the Cultural Master Plan of Greater Birmingham, an overall vision for arts and cultural development. Visit www.cultural-alliance.com for complete details.

Urban Bush Women seeks to bring the untold and under-told histories and stories of disenfranchised people to light through dance. They do this from a woman-centered perspective and as members of the African Diaspora community in order to create a more equitable balance of power in the dance world and beyond. Urban Bush Women use art as a means of addressing issues of social justice and encouraging civic engagement. Based in Brooklyn, NY, UBW aspires to ensure continuity by strengthening and expanding our international community via ongoing professional education, development of new audiences, nurturing young talent and presenting bold, life-affirming dance works in a variety of settings.

The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond, based in New Orleans, is a national and international collective of anti-racist, multicultural community organizers and educators dedicated to building an effective movement for social transformation. Through Undoing Racism®/ Community Organizing Workshops, technical assistance and consultations, The People's Institute helps individuals, communities, organizations and institutions move beyond addressing the symptoms of racism to undoing the causes of racism so as to create a more just and equitable society.

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Do you consider yourself a community leader? Are you ready to step forward and build toward a better Birmingham?

Then, you just might be one of the 50 we are seeking.

How To Get Involved:

- Leaders interested in participating must be able to commit to attend one of the two, 2-day intensive sessions.
- Registration is limited to 50 attendees.
- Cost for participation is \$150 per attendee. Need-based scholarships are available for those who qualify. Contact the Cultural Alliance for complete details.

If you are ready to Step Forward, please fill out the application on the back of this card and return it to the Cultural Alliance or apply online at www.Cultural-Alliance.com.

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A few words about your community involvement:

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