

## Learning Exchange: **Students as Catalysts for Change**

### Additional comments:

Also a conference about democracy that we are all part of and our voice needs to be in the room – can accommodate it well just by being a little more diverse crowds and different sessions that might be geared toward students.

More training for the LE not to leave out student in the room.

For future conferences:

1) Session on basics of DD

2) Session on leadership development for DD

Would allow our voices to come out more if we felt more capable.

Not taking away from the conference what I thought I was going to learn. Looking for ways to engage students more or engages other more. This session was the best one I have been to. Other sessions were interesting, but I didn't learn anything and wasn't empowered.

Taking the opportunity to talk with the people who are from these amazing organizations – but I wasn't really sure what the organizations were about. It might have been helpful to know more about what the organizations were about. Some kind of resource fair so we might know more about who is at the conference.

Making space on the wiki for resources to take away from the conference.

More interactive time.

Good sessions – had trouble understanding the questions – felt a little intimidated.

I've really learned a lot – maybe students should be a part of the planning.

Extending it to people who are of college age not in college that should be included and high school students.

Coming here I thought I would learn about how to organize participation of students on my campus. I would learn what gets people involved. My college is a microcosm of society at large.

None of us have talked about racial differences and ethnic differences, gender differences, class differences?

What is our role as students?

Our role should be the same as everyone else – we should have equal voice.

Bring together an understanding of DD.

Be on the recruiting end – and it might address issues of diversity – we are more open to it.

We have to understand that we don't know everything – but at the same time we need to have our views respected – there has to be a mutual communication process – for everyone to understand.

Shift from let's get youth involved to if we want to be the most effective we can, let's involve youth.

If you want a better conf, a better community, you need to bring students in to the process – this is what DD tells us.

How are we going to bring about action:

- Network when I get home.
- Try to get more involvement. Talk about what democracy and DD really is.
- Put DD in practice to involve students and create action.
- Things can be inclusive and not be equitable – this is really important – a step in DD that we can bring to our work on campus.
- Work on getting more voices involved in the conversations on campus.
- ADULT: reminded me that I need to check myself – to include students in more of what I do in my office.
- Put things into words that make people want to be involved.
- Conference reinforces that real true change takes time and patience.
- ADULT: Leaving with the importance of asking – and checking my assumptions. And – if this is a field, the DD movement needs to authentically bring students into the work.
- Work with students reaching into their communities, not just the campus community.
- Work with campuses to think through what we want the outcome for students.
- Important to have safe spaces at the conference so you have the ability to speak out in other sessions.
- Renewed motivation to pursue this.
- The sessions I have been to are helping me with a couple of projects that I'm working on.
- Holding a dialogue between students and administration on my campus
- Do some more research on DD

