

YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

RURAL & MIGRANT MINISTRY - SUMMER 2010



RMM's Youth Leadership Academy was founded by members of the Youth Arts Group who were committed to developing their skills and improving the lives of others. Through a series of workshops, the Academy aims to bring youth together in education and empowerment.

JULY 2010 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Registration

Please register for each event you plan to attend:

Email YLA Director Katia Chapman at kachapman@vassar.edu or call (845) 485-8627.

Each event is free to attend and open to youth ages 13-19.

Transportation available if needed!

In your response please indicate:

- Name
- Age
- Workshop
- Contact Info
- Transportation Needs

Thank you for joining us!

Thursday, July 15—3 pm Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY Tools for Exploring the World: A Research Journey

You have a burning question, but you don't know *where* to find the answer. How can you learn to tune pianos? Buy a car? What's *really* going on with immigration reform? Although you may soon find yourself with your hands clutched over your eyes, *begging* for the information to stop, the internet is an incredible tool, granting you free access to a bottomless pool of knowledge. Your task: to have the patience to wade through it all, to challenge the information you find, and to stay grounded in reality. In this interactive workshop, we will work on these skills while exploring a question (or perhaps several) that is relevant to *our* lives.
HOST: Hannah Elliott

Movie Night : *Crude* Saturday, July 17th – 4 pm United Presbyterian Church, Middletown

Crude (2009) is a compelling documentary that explores the oil spill in the Amazon jungle of Ecuador. "*Crude* focuses on the human cost of our addiction to oil and the increasingly difficult task of holding a major corporation accountable for its past deeds" (www.crudethemovie.com). Dinner to follow. Discussion will include the relevancy of the issue to the recent BP spill and other environmental catastrophes of our time.

Saturday, July 24 – 10 am St. John's Episcopal Church, Monticello Oral History and Photojournalism

Everyone has heard the phrase "A picture is worth a thousand words" but when a picture is paired with words they are an impressive combination. The beginning of this workshop will feature two guests (hopefully!) to discuss

how to create a powerful product—whether it is written or photographed—to create social change as well as share their own experiences and work. After learning how to approach people, respect privacy, capture the essence of a situation, and more, we will be driving up to the UFCW Local 342 union picnic in Liberty where we will put our knowledge into action and learn from people while we enjoy great food and fun!

HOST: Katey Baker- Smith, Adriana Linares, Joanna Acevedo, Gabriela Quintanilla,

Wednesday, July 28th – 3 pm United Presbyterian Church, Middletown Creating Art for Social Justice

In this "hands-on" expressive arts workshop, participants will create a work of art while exploring ways to discover our individual and collective power to create change. We will also discuss the Youth Arts Group of the Rural and Migrant Ministry as one example of a group of young people who are working together to create change in their communities. Join these accomplished artist-activists in an interactive exploration of the power of art in the hands of the people. Dinner included.
HOSTS: Andres Chamorro, Joanna Acevedo, Jesenia Peralta, Gabriela Quintanilla

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS IN AUGUST...

- Friday, August 6 **Living with Gang Violence**, Middletown
- Tuesday, August 10 **Financial Literacy**, Middletown
- Friday, August 13 **Undoing Adulthood**, Middletown
- Wednesday, August 18 **Preparing the College Application Essay**, Poughkeepsie