

New York State Afterschool Network (NYSAN) and National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) invite you to participate in a new program for Returned Peace Corps Volunteers!

Today's youth will graduate into a world that requires global knowledge and skills for success in college, careers, and civic life. As evidenced by the global economy, increasingly diverse communities, and rapid information-sharing via the Internet, opportunities to interface with people across the world are greatly increasing. However, not all young people have meaningful opportunities to learn about the world. Recognizing this, NYSAN and NPCA have partnered to connect Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) with local afterschool programs. RPCVs can volunteer to build upon and extend their Peace Corps experience to create global learning opportunities for children and youth from pre-kindergarten through high school.

Participating RPCVs will receive training and support, and will work with afterschool program specialists to develop a series of activities founded on their international service experience. They will then be matched with organizations in their area that run before-school, afterschool, and weekend programming. RPCVs can choose to volunteer with programs over a few weeks or for the duration of a semester, summer, or year.

This program is intended to support youth to gain knowledge and develop skills aimed at building their global competence and to provide RPCVs with a unique opportunity to share the Peace Corps experience. This is a pilot program in New York with hopes of expanding the program after the first year. We hope you will consider sharing your expertise by taking part in this important program.

Please join us on January 13th from 5:30 – 7:30 to learn more about how you can be involved! Refreshments will be served.

Date: January 13, 2011

Time: 5:30 – 7:30

Location: United Way of Buffalo and Erie County, 742 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209

RSVP: Please RSVP to Jennifer Siaca, NYSAN Project Manager, at 646-943-8672 or jsiaca@nysan.org by January 5th *with the following information:*

Name:

City/Town:

Peace Corps years of service and country:

Please indicate your preferred timing for a one-day training:

Weekdays (9-5) _____

Weekday evenings (5-9) _____

Weekends (9-5) _____

Please describe your availability to volunteer in an afterschool or summer program (e.g. one day per week, 3 days per month, etc.). See below for the suggested time commitment for volunteers.

Want to participate but can't make it to the meeting? Please contact us for further information (646-943-8672 or jsiaca@nysan.org).

To participate, RPCVs must:

- Aim to spend a minimum of 3 hours per week at the program during the year for at least 6 weeks beginning in February 2011, or 8-16 hours per week at the program over the summer for at least 4 weeks beginning in July 2011
- Attend a local, one-day training on youth development, global learning, and afterschool programming in January 2011 (professional development credit can be granted)
- Adhere to all host program policies for volunteers
- Respond to surveys and requests for feedback about the program