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HELP RCLA MAKE OUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR THE SOCIAL CHANGE LEADERSHIP NETWORK IN '09

RCLA has hosted a series of filled-to-capacity interactive learning sessions through its Social Change Leadership Network in 2008, and we are planning an even more ambitious agenda for 2009. Our aim is to give grassroots advocates and activists the leadership tools, trainings and online resources they need most. We are asking nonprofit leaders to [weigh in now](#) on the most useful learning sessions for the next year.

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FROM SPEED-DATING TO A RAPID KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE: HOW LEADERS CAN LEARN THE MOST FROM PEERS IN UNDER 90 MINUTES

RCLA has applied the matchmaking of speed-dating in a new way to allow nonprofit leaders to share resources with peers and at the same time get the knowledge they need to take their organizations to the next level. A new Practice Note provides a step-by-step guide for creating a rapid resource exchange based on what nonprofit leaders have to share and want to learn – in an engaging, fast-paced way. What makes this approach unique is that it doesn't just connect people with similar interests. It's a rare opportunity for leaders to learn from peers about processes or practices that can help them avoid "reinventing the wheel."

[» Download the Practice Note](#)

RCLA ANNOUNCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR FORTHCOMING BOOK ON SOCIAL CHANGE

RCLA Faculty Director Sonia Ospina announced today that Lateefah Simon, Michael Lipsky and Carol Stack will serve on the advisory committee for RCLA's forthcoming book, *Deep Pockets of Abundance: Building Leadership Capital for Social Change*. Lateefah Simon is a nationally acclaimed juvenile justice advocate; Michael Lipsky is an award-winning author and senior program director at Demos; Carol Stack is a leading anthropologist, educator and bestselling author. The book, expected for release in early 2010, builds on a five-year research project through the Ford Foundation's Leadership for a Changing World program, which honors exceptional social change leaders across the United States.

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LEARNING CIRCLE PARTICIPANTS DISCUSS STRATEGIES TO ADVANCE LEADERS OF COLOR IN NONPROFITS

On November 18, RCLA and the Leadership Learning Community convened a learning circle event to discuss how to support leaders of color as they advance in nonprofits. Panelists discussed new research on the unique trajectories of women of color to senior levels in nonprofits, false assumptions about white women and leadership, and the ways social change organizations use race and ethnicity to engage people in taking up leadership. Small groups tackled questions of cultural intelligence, breaking down barriers, and how the nonprofit sector needs to change.

[» Read More about the Event](#)

News & Events

- Women of Color Policy Network Executive Director Nicole Mason publishes an article in [Women's E-News](#) on what to expect from Michelle Obama as the first African-American first lady and a Millenium Mom; this follows her recent Op-Ed on the "Palin Effect" in [The Progressive](#)
- RCLA Faculty Director Sonia Ospina will serve a second term on the Editorial Advisory Board of [Action Research](#), an international, peer-reviewed journal; Dr. Ospina most recently contributed [an obituary](#) for one of the fathers of Action Research, Orlando Fals Borda
- The Women of Color Policy Network will co-host "[Domestic Violence as a Human Rights Violation: New Directions for Advocates and Scholars](#)," with Caroline Bettinger-López, Deputy Director of the Human Rights Clinic at Columbia Law School, December 3, 2008
- RCLA will host an [information session](#) on the prestigious White House Fellows program with Diane Yu, a former White House fellow and NYU President John Sexton's chief of staff, December 8, 2008
- At "[Public-Private Partnerships: Drawing Lessons from Fiscal Crises and Looking Forward](#)," part of RCLA's executive briefing series, veterans of fiscal crises and expert navigators of public-private partnerships will discuss how to move forward during a period of immense fiscal uncertainty, December 10, 2008
- RCLA to host "[Does Transparency Lead to Accountability? Lessons from the Mexican Civil Society Experiences](#)" with Dr. Jonathan Fox, professor at the University of California, Santa Cruz, part of a series on Latin America, December 11, 2008
- [More NYU Wagner Events](#)

