What is Common Ground? What is the Mission?

Common Ground is a network of facilitators trained in an anti-bias educational program that promotes identity and cultural awareness and combats discrimination. Common Ground seeks to heal and protect our campus and community from past, present and future acts of discrimination through education, dialogue and introspective activities creating awareness, action and alliances.

What are Common Ground facilitators?

Facilitators conduct diversity training and anti-bias educational programs to our campus at events, new student orientation and in the classroom. All facilitators are volunteers and have completed an 18 hour training. Facilitators are asked to volunteer for a minimum of 1-2 workshops annually. Through a large network of trained facilitators, Common Ground can provide diversity workshops to thousands of students each year.

What is the Fall Intensive facilitator training?

Common Ground is seeking staff, faculty and student to participate in the annual intensive facilitator training and become Common Ground facilitators. The training is 18 hours over a three-day period. There is also a training in the spring called the Weeklies. The goals of the training include:

♦ To self-discover as participants in bias awareness and cultural competency.
♦ To learn the Common Ground curriculum and how to use the manual. The manual has been developed in progressive levels to help participants move beyond the surface in dealing with issues of multiculturalism.
♦ To provide opportunities for trainees to lead activities from the curriculum and receive feedback and training in order to develop and enhance facilitation skills.

Who is eligible?

All FLC faculty, staff and students are eligible. Common Ground typically seeks sophomore and junior students. All interested parties are asked to complete an application.

2019 TRAINING DATES
November 14th 11am-5pm
November 15th 11am-5pm
November 16th 9am-5pm

Become a social justice change agent.

For more information or to request an application please contact:

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Thank you