

# Working with Community Partners

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# Agenda

- Dr. Paula Garb – Director of the Minor in Civic and Community Engagement
- Discussion about last week's team activity
- Working with community partners
- Group presentation

# Team activity

For those of you who asked if you could attack the other teams' castles....

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=100CDsD-8kY>

# Team Activity

Now what else did you think?

# Working with community partners

- Students finding organizations
- Characteristics of good service learners

# How do students find organizations

- Volunteer fairs
- Working with individual professors and organizations
- Service learning centers and web sites

# What do organizations want in their service learners?

- energy vs. maturity
- experience?
- differences between undergrad and grad students
- connection with major/career aspirations

How do you learn about an organization's expectations?

How does understanding their expectations impact what you are thinking?



# Group presentations

- Make sure you know who is in your group
- Check the wiki and update it
- Be sure you meet and work together regularly

# Questions to answer in your group presentation:

- (1) What is the problem(s) or issue that you are focusing on? Why is this a problem or concern?
- (2) What is the scope of the problem or issue at the national and state level?
- (3) What does this issue or problem look like locally? Focus on Southern California and Orange County.
- (4) What is some important background or history on this issue or problem?
- (5) What are some important policies and/or laws and/or government organizations that address this issue? What are their roles?
- (6) Who are some local organizations who are working on these issues? Describe their efforts to address these issues. To learn more about local non-profits and community organizations, visit the website for the Volunteer Center of Orange County at [www.volunteercenter.org](http://www.volunteercenter.org).