GatherDC - Trainings Innovation

Trainings Innovation • Innovation Grant

A training series for local lay-leaders and Jewish institution staff about how to engage peripherallyinvolved Jewish young adults. The series will provide service to a large group of young adult lay-leaders and intensively serve a select group of professionals serving Jewish institutions.

Proposal

NOVA Engagement

Funding \$22,000

Category NOVA/NextGen Combined - Innovation

Program Goals

- **1.** Grow the capacity of local Jewish offerings to engage more peripherally or uninvolved Jewish young adults in Jewish life.
- **2.** Create a pipeline of future Jewish leaders, conveners, and facilitators of Jewish life across the DC community.
- **3.** Create a culture shift in the Jewish DC community towards a more relationally focused approach to Jewish engagement, ultimately leading towards a stronger Jewish future.

Metrics

20–30 participants will participate in 2 trainings of 10-15 lay leaders

Q1&Q2: 2 trainings have been scheduled with the first training for DC adult lay leaders in February

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training participants expect to attend 2 half-day trainings for lay leaders, 1 half-day session for professionals, and 1 fellowship for professionals

Q1: 2 half-day trainings have been scheduled

Q2: 2 half-day trainings conducted for 22 Jewish professionals and lay-leaders from a variety of different organizations



Outline of longitudinal metrics and survey questions to track leadership development pipeline and growth of relationally focused programs overtime.

Q2: Continuing to learn about the current landscape of relationally focused programs

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Survey responses from participants after training: Select "yes" when asked if they feel like they have the tools and knowledge to better engage with Jewish 20s/30s; Select "yes" when asked if they will approach their Jewish communal work with a more relationally focused methodology going forward

Q2: Participants in the training were surveyed following the program and 100% of attendees selected "yes" when asked if they feel they now have the tools and knowledge to better engage their constituents. 75% of participants said they will now approach Jewish communal work with a more relationally focused methodology moving forward.

