

PATHWAYS of Public Service & civic Engagement

Community Engaged Learning & Research



Connecting coursework and academic research to community-identified concerns to enrich knowledge and inform action on social issues.

Community Organizing & Activism



Involving, educating, and mobilizing individual or collective action to influence or persuade others.

Direct Service



Working to address the immediate needs of individuals or a community, often involving contact with the people or places being served.

Philanthropy



Donating or using private funds or charitable contributions from individuals or institutions to contribute to the public good.

Policy & Governance



Participating in political processes, policymaking, and public governance.

Social Entrepreneurship & Corporate Social Responsibility



Using ethical business or private sector approaches to create or expand market-oriented responses to social or environmental problems.

The Pathways of Public Service and Civic Engagement

The Pathways describe a range of possibilities by which we can make a contribution to the common good. These pathways intersect and overlap, demonstrating the interdependent nature inherent in working toward the common good. There is no single path and people move in and out of these pathways over time.

Pathways Results: Reflection Questions

- What questions do you have from your results?
- Where can you learn more about your pathway(s) of highest interest?
- What do you think of the pathway(s) you are least interested in? Are they of least interest because of a lack of experience or because you genuinely don't care for them?
- How do your results compare to your interests and your impact? What does this mean to you?
- Are you more interested in having an impact on a specific topic, or taking on any topic but through a specific pathway?
- How do you think your prior civic experiences prepare you for taking on new opportunities?
- How might you engage a topic you are passionate about through multiple pathways?

Pathways Example: Immigration



Think of an issue that you're interested in and brainstorm action items for each pathway:

