

FES Luncheon

Youth and Democracy: Civic Engagement in the United States

Wednesday, July 9th, 2008 – 12:00-2:00 pm
Washington, D.C.

PROGRAM

Welcome

Michael Czogalla (Moderator)

*Program Officer, Washington Office
Friedrich Ebert Foundation*

Opening Remarks

Kerstin Griese

*Member of the German Bundestag (SPD),
Head of the Parliamentary Committee on Family, Seniors,
Women and Youth*

Comments

Amitai Etzioni

*Director, Institute for Communitarian Policy Studies at
George Washington University*

Millicent Williams

*Executive Director, Serve DC
(DC Commission on National and Community Service)*

Abigail Kiesa

*Youth Coordinator, Center for Information and Research
on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE) at
University of Maryland*

Billy Fettweis

*Volunteer Services Coordinator,
Greater DC Cares*

Discussion

Participants:

Members of the Parliamentary Committee on Family, Seniors, Women and Youth:

Ingrid Fischbach, Member of the German Parliament (CDU/CSU)
Kai Gehring, Member of the German Parliament (BÜNDNIS 90/DIE GRÜNEN)
Kerstin Griese, Member of the German Parliament (SPD), Head of the Parliamentary Committee
Katharina Landgraf, Member of the German Parliament (CDU/CSU)
Isolde Juliana Lenke, Member of the German Parliament (FDP)
Elke Reinke, Member of the German Parliament (DIE LINKE)
Dieter Steinecke, Member of the German Parliament (SPD)

Speakers:

Amitai Etzioni, Director, Institute for Communitarian Policy Studies at George Washington University
Billy Fettweis, Volunteer Services Coordinator, Greater DC Cares
Abigail Kiesa, Center for Information a. Research on Civic Learning a. Engagement (CIRCLE), Uni. of Maryland
Millicent Williams, Executive Director, Serve DC (DC Commission on National and Community Service)

Participants:

Michael Czogalla, Friedrich Ebert Foundation
Hermann Ertl, German Embassy
Frank Gräf, Interpreter
Henning Jakob, German Embassy
Philippe Ludwig, Friedrich Ebert Foundation
Matthias Potocki, German Delegation
Emily Peckenham, Friedrich Ebert Foundation
Sven Weber, German Delegation
Carolin Wieditz, German Embassy

Short Bios:

Amitai Etzioni

- Is Professor at George Washington University and Director of the Institute for Communitarian Policy Studies
- He is the founder of the Communitarian Network, a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to support the moral, social and political foundations of society
- Mr. Etzioni has written over twenty books and hundreds of essays and articles
- Named among the top 100 American intellectuals in 2001.
- For more Information: <http://www.amitaietzioni.org/> or <http://www.gwu.edu/~ccps/>

Billy Fettweis

- Is the Volunteer Services Coordinator at Greater DC Cares, the largest coordinator of civic engagement in the DC region with a vast variety of social change efforts and programs
- Mr. Fettweis conducts volunteer outreach, orientation, and leadership development for the organization
- Previously, he was a volunteer recruiter in the George Washington University Office of Community Service.
- For more Information: <http://www.dc-cares.org/>

Abigail Kiesa

- Is the Youth Coordinator at the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (also know as CIRCLE) where acts as the liaison to practitioner organizations across the country.
- Ms. Kiesa is one of the authors of "Millennials Talk Politics: A Study of College Student Political Engagement"
- CIRCLE was founded in 2001, it promotes research on civic and political engagement of young Americans (ages 15 to 25), and is based at the University of Maryland's School of Public Policy.
- For more Information: <http://www.civicyouth.org/>

Millicent Williams

- Is the Executive Director of Serve DC, appointed by Mayor Fenty in January 2007
- Previously, she was the Deputy Director of Programs for Serve DC, responsible for managing the programmatic operations for the DC Citizen Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn & Serve America programs
- She worked as the Community Emergency Response Team Manager (CERT), as well as the Deputy Director of DC Citizen Corps. In this role, she served as volunteer coordinator and donations manager for the 300-plus evacuees who relocated to DC in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.
- For more Information: <http://serve.dc.gov/>