**Food Insecurity in Durham: A Community Engagement Course**

Offered during the Fall 2018 term through OLLI at Duke

**Facilitators**: Beth Anderson, Valerie Duncan, Matt Epstein, Virginia Lee, Lou Millin

**Course Meeting Time/Location**: Thursdays, 3:15-4:45 pm, Judea Reform Education Building

**Website**: <https://olli-food-insecurity-in-durham.weebly.com>

**Resources**: A list of resources is available on the course website. Selected books are available on open reserve in Room 113, Lilly Library.

This course, the first initiative of the newly formed OLLI at Duke Community Engagement Special Interest Group (CE SIG), will promote productive working relationships between participants and community representatives addressing the critical issue of food insecurity in Durham, North Carolina. Through a combination of presentations, discussion, community engagement, reading and reflection, participants will come to a better understanding of why food insecurity exists in Durham and what various community representatives are doing to address it.

During the semester, course participants will work in small groups with one of three community partners—East Durham Children’s Initiative, Farmer Foodshare and Meals on Wheels Durham—to develop a project identified by the partner that will increase its capacity and effectiveness. The partners and participants may choose to implement the projects they have designed after the course is over with oversight by the CE SIG and course facilitators.

We hope the course will

* Facilitate learning and reflection on the issue of food insecurity and why it exists in our community;
* Promote working relationships between course participants and community partners addressing the issue of food insecurity in the Durham community; and
* Facilitate a sense of engagement, connection, and shared purpose among course participants.

Participants should be excited and challenged by the idea of contributing to an initiative in its formative stages, one that has the potential to benefit future OLLI participants and the wider community.

**Course Schedule**

September 13: First Session cancelled due to Hurricane Florence

September 20: Introductions, Group Exercise on Food Insecurity in Durham, Course Overview and

Brief Orientation to Work with Community Partners and Group Assignments

September 27: **East Durham Children’s Initiative** Initial Presentation

David Reese, Executive Director

Meeting with David Reese and EDCI Small Group

**DataWorks** Presentation

John Killeen, Executive Director

October 4: **Meals on Wheels Durham** Initial Presentation

Gale Adland, Executive Director

Meeting with Gale Adland and MoW Small Group

Small Group Check-in and Meeting Time

October 11: **Farmer Foodshare** Initial Presentation

Gini Bell, Executive Director

Meeting with Gini Bell and FFS Small Group

Small Group Check-in and Meeting Time

October 18: **Mid-Point Reflection**: Revisiting Food Insecurity, Learning from Community Engagement,

and Group Project Check-in

October 25: An Orientation to Food Insecurity in Durham

**Jacquelyn Blackwell and Betsy Crites, Co-Coordinators, End Hunger Durham**

(This is OLLI’s Fall Break, but we have rescheduled the original 9/20/18 session here)

November 1: **East Durham Children’s Initiative** Small Group Project Presentation and Discussion

November 8: **Meals on Wheels Durham** Small Group Project Presentation and Discussion

November 15: **Farmer Foodshare** Small Group Project Presentation and Discussion

November 22: Thanksgiving Break (no class)

November 29: **Final Reflection** on Food Insecurity in Durham and the Course

Collectively what have we learned about food insecurity in Durham, why it exists, and what’s

being done to address it? What have we learned about community engagement? Where do we go from here?

What has worked well about the course, and what suggestions do you have when we offer another community engagement course?