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Who Will Run the 21st Century? **The New Pittsburgh Collaborative's Young Professional Network Explores the Impact of Education on Global Leadership**

Featuring Dr. Michael Göring, Chief Executive Officer, ZEIT Foundation (Hamburg, Germany)

(Pittsburgh – December 6, 2010) Education is a hot topic in the United States, with issues such as education reform, focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), and growing achievement gaps dominating the discourse. The New Pittsburgh Collaborative (NPC)'s last HUB event of 2010 – *this Thursday, December 9, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. downtown at Bricolage* – will broaden the domestic education debate by contributing a global perspective on these issues.

At the event – co-presented by the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh, National Association for Asian American Professionals (NAAAP), and Leadership Pittsburgh, Inc. with Bricolage Production Company – participants will explore how education affects economic competitiveness internationally and how other countries are shaping their education policy to create global leaders.

The NPC is a collective of young professional and civic-minded organizations that encourages regional progress through facilitating communication and partnership among its broad membership base through hosts quarterly HUB events (standing for “host. unify. blend.”). These events provide collaborative opportunities for member organizations to plan and present an event of their choosing – with the mutual benefit of exposure to new audiences and potential members.

Dr. Göring's presentation will compare successes in education systems in China, Europe, India, and the United States. Additionally, several local experts will discuss what is happening with education in the Pittsburgh region, including Melanie Harrington, CEO of Vibrant Pittsburgh; Seth Hufford, Program Director at Carnegie Mellon University's Carnegie Bosch Institute; Mayada Mansour, Program Director at A+ Schools; and Jennifer Stancil, Executive Director of Educational Partnerships at WQED Pittsburgh.

Advance registration is available and encouraged at www.worldaffairspittsburgh.org or by calling 412-281-7970. The cost is \$10 and includes food and beverages.

“The World Affairs Council works to educate and inform the Pittsburgh community about global issues - and in this case, it's especially exciting to be hosting an event which focuses on global education! We're looking forward to hearing Dr. Goring's insights and including the spectrum of young professional voices in the global education debate,” said Steve E. Sokol, Executive Director of the World Affairs Council.

“NAAAP Pittsburgh is proud to join this collaboration because of our desire to promote leadership, connections and awareness of global issues to our members. We look forward to the event and the

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continued partnerships with our co-sponsors and their members," said Mila Yochum, President of NAAAP Pittsburgh.

"Leadership Pittsburgh Inc.'s emerging leaders program, Leadership Development Initiative (LDI), focuses on developing leadership skills in the context of community awareness and exposure to the benefits as well as needs of our region. Understanding best practices and lessons learned from other regions – and other nations – can be leveraged to create a better future here in our region. So we're pleased to be a part of sharing the global perspective," said Danielle Tyson, Alumni & External Affairs Manager at Leadership Pittsburgh Inc.

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About the Speaker

Dr. Michael Göring is CEO of the Hamburg-based ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius, one of Germany's largest foundations, funding projects in research, scholarships, arts, culture, and education. The Foundation is active in Germany, and around the world. Previously, he was Program Director at the Essen-based Alfried Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach-Stiftung. From 1988 until 1993, he was Program Director at the German National Merit Foundation, in charge of international programs particularly with regards to the United States, Japan and China.

An educator, Dr. Göring started his career as assistant professor in English Literature at the University of Munich. Since 2000 he has taught as honorary professor at the Cultural and Media Management Institute at the Hamburg School of Music and Theatre.

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The **New Pittsburgh Collaborative (NPC)** – www.NewPittsburghCollaborative.org – is a coalition of diverse, civically-engaged, young-minded organizations that encourages regional progress through sharing information, pooling resources and facilitating dialogue. As a broad, dynamic network, it connects various organizations and their members to each other, to the greater community and to regional development initiatives, while serving as a central point of access and communication to and for young professional Pittsburgh. Join us on [Facebook](#) and on Twitter [@NPCpgh](#).

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