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New Pittsburgh Collaborative Helps Young Professionals Impact the Region's Future through Power of 32

(Pittsburgh – October 18, 2010) Civic-minded young/young-minded professionals come together tonight as the New Pittsburgh Collaborative (NPC) presents its next HUB event, **Share Your Vision, Make an Impact: NPC + Power of 32**, co-presented by the Allegheny Conference on Community Development and Public Allies Pittsburgh, in partnership with South Side cultural gem, City Theatre.

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. NPC HUB events (standing for “host, unify, blend,”) are quarterly 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.

The NPC is teaming up with Power of 32, the regional visioning initiative gathering voices from across 32 counties in Maryland, Ohio, PA and West Virginia to create a shared vision for our (super)region's future. A large number of community conversations have been conducted to solicit input, but this one is targeted specifically for the NPC's diverse network of movers and shakers. The event will run from approximately 5:30-8:30 p.m. with ample time for attendees to connect with one another.

The Allegheny Conference and Public Allies Pittsburgh both have a stake in the mission of Power of 32.

“In the 1990's The Allegheny Conference facilitated the creation of a more cohesive Pittsburgh region, which now allows us to compete successfully for business investment and job creation. The Conference was a co-founder of Power of 32 because a multi-state approach is the next step to helping our region stand out in the global economy. We're interested in seeing what common strengths emerge and utilizing them to elevate all of our communities. There are 20,000+ jobs available now in the Pittsburgh region alone – and all searchable at our newly re-designed career site, ImaginePittsburgh.com – so we have a lot of assets and opportunities to share,” says Allegheny Conference Communications Specialist and NPC co-chair Abby Sadowsky.

Public Allies is a national AmeriCorps program grounded in the conviction that everyone leads. “Our program approaches leadership from the belief that everyone can make a difference, and can inspire others to believe in themselves, step up and act. Public Allies promotes the leadership of young, diverse and passionate social changemakers who support community projects. This is a perfect opportunity to make sure that diverse, fresh and motivated voices are represented in shaping our region's future,” says Matt Bartko, Program Manager for Partner Recruitment at Public Allies Pittsburgh.

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“City Theatre is excited to be a part of this important conversation and to host the NPC. We’re a NPC member because we’re committed to sustaining Pittsburgh’s distinctive character and quality of life, particularly in our South Side neighborhood. Through our Greenroom initiative, an eclectic group of young professionals come together to enjoy theatre, networking, games, and fun on a particular night during each show of the season. Greenroom tickets only cost \$25, and that includes an excellent performance plus drinks and an after-party with the cast. It’s a great program to keep theatre affordable and accessible for young fans,” says Sloan MacRae, Marketing Director at City theatre (located at 1300 Bingham Street).

Other NPC HUBs have included “Liquid Knowledge: The NPC Debrief on How *Water Matters!* and What You Can Do,” which re-framed and highlighted key regional and global issues raised at Pittsburgh’s World Environment Day Global *Water Matters!* Conference. Before that, the NPC shed light on the range of community service opportunities available to young professionals. Another highlight was “Breaking the Rules: Creativity & Sustainability at the Intersection of Art + Business,” which brought together an unlikely pair – the Pittsburgh Emerging Arts Leaders and the Rivers Club Young Executives – with eye-opening results. Learn more about past HUB events or joining the NPC at www.NewPittsburghCollaborative.org.

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The New Pittsburgh Collaborative (NPC) 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](#).

Learn more about the collaborators – [Allegheny Conference](#), [Public Allies Pittsburgh](#), [City Theatre](#) and [Power of 32](#).