



2014 EKLC Session Summaries

Building a High Tech, High Paying Economy in Eastern Kentucky

Session Moderator: Jason Belcher
Session Facilitators:
Johnathan Gay (Director, Innovation Center at Morehead State University); Rick Johnson (President, Kentucky Science and Technology Center); Barry Chaney (City Commissioner, Pikeville KY)

Community Philanthropy and How It Benefits Community Development

Session Moderator: Lonnie Lawson
Session Facilitators:
Allison Lankford (Bluegrass Community Foundation); Gerry Roll (Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky); Mary Witten Wiseman (Tri-State Community Foundation)

Affecting Positive Change – Engaging Appalachia’s Youth

Session Moderator: Denise Thomas and Delaney Stevens
Session Facilitators:
George Scott and Jeff Spradling (University of Kentucky Robinson Scholars Program)
Madison Wesley and Kelly Brown (Scholars participants)

Session Description: This session will focus on how to engage youth in the process of community development planning. It will make a case for why youth involvement is so important and gather ideas from participants for becoming more effective in doing so. The goal for this session will be to develop recommendations for local leaders to have greater youth participation in community development activities.

Re-imagining Appalachia: The Next East Kentucky Initiative

Session Moderator: Peter Hille

Usage of Coal Severance Tax for true economic development

Session Moderator: Brad Parke and Hilda Legg
Session Facilitators:
Jason Bailey (Research and Policy Director, MACED and Director of the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy)

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Session Moderator: Ron Daley
Conference Facilitators: TBA

From Struggling to Proficient: Children of Promise

Session Moderator: Lois Weinberg
Session Facilitators: TBA