

August 2010 Newsletter

SCC's Financial Education Program Nominated for Annual Social Innovation Forum!

We are delighted to share the news that SCC's Financial Education Program has been nominated to take part in Boston's 8th Annual Social Innovation Forum - a very exciting chance to be recognized for the work our organization has been developing!

The Social Innovation Forum provides a unique opportunity for innovative nonprofit organizations to gain visibility, expand their networks, and build capacity. This year, the Social Innovation Forum has once again partnered with leading local funders to feature five outstanding organizations, Social Innovators, that are improving communities in and around Boston. SCC will present a proposal under the track Financial Capability: Enabling Economic Empowerment.

In May 2011, chosen Social Innovators will be invited to present their work to 250+ business and government leaders, foundation grantmakers, and individual donors at the Social Innovation Forum's Showcase event. At that time, each Innovator will receive a \$10,000 grant from the sponsoring track partner. The Innovators will receive an additional \$5,000 the following year upon completion of the key measures process, in addition to a package of consulting, coaching, and in-kind services.

Community Design Workshop Report

CCP releases the final report for the Community Design Workshop. Take a look at the ideas and designs for the 7 Green Line stations created by community members this spring. Please view the document [here](#).

Update on the Arizona Immigration Law in Connection with Somerville

In Arizona, the law known as SB 1070 was amended and came into effect on July 29, 2010. Federal judge Susan Bolton temporarily restricted four of the most dangerous components of the law, but we must be clear that many remnants are still very damaging to the immigrant community of Arizona and nationwide. Locally, members of SCC's Voices of Immigrants of Somerville (VIS) committee have been working to make sure that the City of Somerville passes a resolution condemning the attacks in Arizona as racist, while also opposing attempts by anti-immigrant groups in Massachusetts to pass similar legislation in our state. VIS hopes that the city of Somerville will pass a resolution on August 26th. We must close doors to racism and discrimination in our community and embrace and value diversity to assure that Somerville and Massachusetts remain welcoming places.

August Updates from SCC's Summer Interns

Interns Luo and Elias have been busily working at the Somerville Community Corporation for the last two months collecting resources for an interactive community website called inTeractive Somerville. Progress so far includes the collection of three video clips about proposed Green Line extension stations with residents sharing their stories about those neighborhoods; generation of a list of ideas for these stations generated through community workshops; and the set-up of a brand new Facebook page to publicize the new website.