The Millennial Challenge: Policy Discussion, Sing-a-Long and Intergenerational Dialogue

A Forum with Gordon MacInnes, President of New Jersey Policy Perspective, League of Women Voters of the Morristown Area, Drew’s Public Sociology and Senior Theater Capstone

Thursday, March 6, 2014, 7-8:30 pm
Ehinger Center, Crawford Hall
Drew University
Madison, New Jersey

Who are the Millennial generation and what do we know about their needs other than constant and full wireless bandwidth? This forum is part of a campus-wide and semester-long public discussion about Millennials, those born after 1980, who face a host of economic and social challenges such as college debt, under and unemployment, and delayed timelines for marriage and family.

Please join us for an interactive discussion focusing on Millennials’ concerns about affording higher education, student loans and employment.

The League of Women Voters of the Morristown Area along with the The Center for Civic Engagement at Drew, Dr. Susan Rakosi Rosenbloom’s Public Sociology Class and Dr. Lisa Brenner’s Senior Theater Capstone, will host a policy discussion and intergeneration talkback about the Educational and Economic issues shaping the choices and opportunities facing Millennials. The forum is in conjunction with the play “Too Big” (April 23rd-26th at Drew) which is based on student interviews with millennials throughout New Jersey and depicts their struggle to find meaning, work, education and place in the American landscape.

Gordon MacInnes joined New Jersey Policy Perspective as its President in April 2012, bringing with him a long track record of success in New Jersey’s worlds of policy, nonprofits and politics. He has served in both the Assembly and the Senate; led New Jersey Network, the Fund for New Jersey and Citizens for Better Schools; and served as assistant education commissioner from 2002 to 2007. Most recently, MacInnes was a fellow at the Century Foundation.

Agenda

Welcome: Susan Rakosi Rosenbloom, Sociology Drew University

LWV Presentation: Marie Fornaro, President of LWV of the Morristown Area

Introduce Gordon MacInnes: Marianne McConnell.

Talk by Gordon MacInnes: “The Boomers Were Smart to Pick the Time and Place they were Born-Too Bad for Millennials”

Sing-a-long “Generational Divide”: Drew students

Small Group Discussions: Millennials and Boomer discussion facilitated by Drew students