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## NATIONAL DAYS OF SERVICE NETWORKING SESSION

1. How many AmeriCorps Programs in your group currently participate in two or more National Service Days each year?

All eleven programs participating in the group.

2. Brainstorm possible projects that could be implemented on your group's National Service Day that could easily be implemented by large and small AmeriCorps Programs across the state.

- Base service on community needs
- Host community service days throughout the boroughs
- Set a day for each borough: physical service projects (gardens, clean up, beautification)
- Plan a "Kids Carnival" to entertain kids of parents volunteering
- Place members in shelters and food pantries

3. What strategies would you use to promote your event in your local community to your key partners, and to the state/nation?

- Inform local organizations of the service day to get the word out
- Distribute flyers in the communities
- Use radio stations, promote through school stations
- Engage AmeriCorps Alums
- Post on the website
- Hold face-to-face meetings
- Target key clubs in schools
- Engage faith communities/churches

4. What public and/or private partners would be critical to engage to ensure the success of your event? How would you engage them?

- Corporations
  - i. Plan "A Visit" - Invite potential partners or funders to tour your site when there is a service event planned and provide an opportunity for them to talk with members and service recipients, i.e. school children. Follow-up with notes and drawings from the children.
  - ii. Contact offices that place volunteers interested in specific service
  - iii. Stay in touch with alumni

5. Would your event require the use of additional volunteer resources? If so, what organizations would you reach out to in order to meet those needs?
  - Corporations and partners in community
  - Schools where students must fulfill community service requirements
  - Provide information to sororities/fraternities, honor societies – keeps your name in their minds.NOTE:
  - Make sure there is meaningful and enough work for volunteers
  - Thank you's and appreciation take-aways keep them engaged
  
6. Provide a rough budget for your event including a total projected cost?
  - \$ for food, t-shirts, bags (or other items with your logo)
  - Publicity
  - Transportation costs for volunteers
  - Supplies (i.e., materials for projects, paints)
  
7. Can you engage VISTA, Learn & Serve America and/or SeniorCorps Projects in your event? If so, how?
  - [Newyorkersvolunteer.org](http://Newyorkersvolunteer.org) – Commission website
  - National Service Program directories
  
8. What technical assistance or resources would you need for your event that the State Commission could provide?
  - Handouts
  - Website posting
  - Press releases for radio, television, newspapers
  
9. How would you complete an evaluation of your National Service Day event?
  - Survey monkey
  - Debriefing at the end of the event
  - Surveys at the end of the event
  - Follow-up with recommendations on what could be improved for next year