Building a Higher Education Network for Community Engagement

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Why HENCE?

• Response to growing need to deepen, consolidate, and advance the literature, research, practice, policy, and advocacy for community engagement

• Grew out of February, 2006 Wingspread Conference of 28 organizations

• Serves as a new, high level of commitment to cooperation across diverse engagement-related organizations to provide support for the next phase of growth and improvement
Hence Network Objectives

- Create a national network coordinated across leadership organizations
- Develop a coordinated approach to providing resources and data
- Encourage local, state, regional, and national meetings (formal and informal)
- Implement a coordinated agenda for advocacy
- Create an agenda for professional development and recognition
- Celebrate institutional differences
Progress To Date

• HENCE Informal network formed
• *Engagement in Higher Education Building a Federation for Action, A Wingspread Report, 2006*
• [www.henceonline.org](http://www.henceonline.org) created
• 11 workgroups established
• Steering Committee meets monthly
How You Can Become Involved

• Visit henceonline.org
• Involve your organization – complete the online survey
• Join Work Groups
  – Advocacy & Policy
  – Scholarship & Research
  – Visibility & Dissemination
  – HENCE Coordination
• Share your thoughts
What innovative approaches can HENCE promote that will advance public-scholar discourse about the importance of the Scholarship of Engagement?