CommUniverCity Offers Financial Literacy Workshops to Step Up Network

CommUniverCity: one of Step Up Silicon Valley’s partners is inviting South Bay/San Jose Area residents who are in need of managing their money to attend Financial Literacy Education. The program uses educational financial tools to help individuals reduce debt and increase savings. The CommUniverCity team will work directly with your organization to discuss workshop details. For more information, please contact Jeanette Ramos at jeanette@cucsj.org or (408) 641-9649.

Topics Include:

- Older Adults: Preventing Financial Exploitation for Elder Adults
- Adult: Financial Recovery
- Adult: Pay Yourself First
- Adult: Money Management Tools & Tips
- Adult: Using Credit to your Advantage
- Adult: Buying A Home
- Young Adult: Save, Invest & Build Wealth
- Young Adult: School & $
- Teens: Money Talks for Youth
- Teens: Savings & Checking Guide
- Small Business: Money Smart for Small Businesses
- Small Business: Starting a Business

About CommUniverCity

CommUniverCity believes that everyone deserves to live in vibrant,
healthy communities. Every day CommUniverCity works with residents
to develop great neighborhoods, because no one’s opportunities in life
should be limited by the place where they live. Their mission is to build
community by engaging residents and students in service-learning
projects that accomplish neighborhood-driven goals.

Participate in a 2-Day Social Enterprise
Capacity Building Workshop

This opportunity is offered by our friends and partners at the Global
Social Benefit Institute (GSBI), Santa Clara University

Deadline to apply is August 10. Workshop will be held September 25-26
at Santa Clara University.

The Global Social Benefit Institute (GSBI) and eBay Foundation are
partnering to run a specialized 2-day capacity building program targeted
towards social enterprises with impact in the Bay Area that are working
in the livelihood sector. Thanks to eBay’s support, accepted enterprises
will bear no costs for participating.

Click here to apply for the workshop. To learn more about the program,
please click here or contact Cassandra Staff at cstaff@scu.edu.

California's Minimum Wage Increase

It's been six years since California's minimum wage increased. On July
1 it bumped to $9 an hour. The next increase will be $10 an hour in
2016. According to the Mercury News article, "California's minimum
wage rises Tuesday, but advocates say it's not enough," by Josh
Richman, "...cities in the Bay Area and around the state are moving to
set their own, higher minimums, agreeing that the state's effort falls
short." San Francisco, Oakland, Richmond, Berkeley, Concord,
Hayward, and Fremont are working on it.

In 2012, with the support of Step Up Silicon Valley, San Jose passed an
ordinance to increase the minimum wage to $10 an hour and now San
Jose’s minimum wage is $10.15 an hour. Currently, 22 states and
Washington, D.C., have minimum wages that are above the federal
minimum wage, which is $7.25 an hour, according to the National
Conference of State Legislatures. California, Washington state, Oregon,
and D.C. have some of the highest minimum wages in the nation.

To learn about California’s Minimum Wage in the Mercury News
article, click here.

About Us

Step Up Silicon Valley is a social innovation network focused on reducing poverty in Santa Clara County through
convening, advocating for policy changes, and incubating innovative solutions to help people move out of poverty.
We achieve this by working closely with representatives from various organizations and community members to
coordinate breakthrough systems change that allow us to holistically create a thriving community in which none
are too poor to give or too wealthy to be in need, and where everyone has access to affordable health care,
sufficient nutritious food, decent affordable housing, meaningful educational and career opportunities, and reliable income that meets their basic financial needs. Learn more at www.stepupsy.org.

Our Vision and Mission

Our vision is to reduce poverty and increase economic opportunities in Santa Clara County. The mission of Step Up Silicon Valley is to achieve this vision by transforming community awareness and generating the political will to create systems change that will enable individuals and families to step up and out of poverty in Santa Clara County.

Learn about our steps forward:

Step Up Pay for Success - Idea to Action Document

2013 Annual Report - Step Up Progress Through 2013

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