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# YWLP Communiqué

*Words of Wisdom for Worldly Women*



## Calendar of Events

**September 23, 2011**  
YWLP House Party in  
New Haven

**October 22, 2011**  
Volunteer with us. We'll be volunteering at the Love your Body 5K in West Hartford. All volunteers will get a free t-shirt.

**December 2011**  
We'll be in touch with details about our Winter networking

Dear Young Women's Leadership Program (YWLP) Member,

We hope you had a terrific summer. It's hard to believe the YWLP is now in our 5th anniversary year. The program had its first steering committee meeting in August of 2006. Thank you to all the current and past steering committee members for making the program such a success. We've created a great publication that highlights the accomplishments of the YWLP: [check it out](#).

We're gearing up for another full year of activities to engage you, our members, in the work of the program. We recently held our annual steering committee retreat and hashed out our main priorities for September 2011-September 2012. We have lots of great events in the works, so stay tuned to future emails for updates.

Best,  
Michelle Noehren & Jillian Gilchrest  
YWLP Co-Chairs

## YWLP Event Spotlight: House Party

Join us on September 23rd from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for a YWLP house party at YWLP member Lindsay Farrell's apartment in New Haven. The topic of her house party is mentorship. We'll talk about the good things we've learned from our own mentors, what was missing as we've developed professionally, and how we can develop strong mentors for a younger group of women and each other.

The event is free but space is limited so [RSVP right away](#). Once you RSVP we will send you Lindsay's address.

## From Our Blog

event! Hope to see you there.

### Welcome

We'd like to welcome Malana Rogers-Bursen to the YWLP Steering Committee. She currently works at Everyday Democracy and brings a wealth of knowledge about organizing and public speaking.



### Inspiration

"Never give up, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn."  
Harriet Beecher Stowe

"As you become more clear about who you really are, you'll be better able to decide what is best for you - the first time around."  
Oprah Winfrey

The Young Women's Leadership Program, a project of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women,

Have you checked out [our YWLP blog](#)? It went live in late December and we've seen a big increase in our readership. Starting this month we will be blogging every business day, so make sure you go to the blog and subscribe to it.

Some of our recent blogs include:

[Advice from Gina Barreca](#)  
[Quality Childcare should not be a "luxury"](#)  
[Words of Widsom from a Dad to his Daughter](#)  
[Female Leaders Hold the Key to a Greener World](#)  
[Happiness for Other's Success - Do You Have It?](#)

If you're interested in blogging for us email [Michelle.Noehren@cga.ct.gov](mailto:Michelle.Noehren@cga.ct.gov)

### YWLP Programming Updates

- **Women's Equality Day:** On August 26th the YWLP held a voter registration drive at Manchester Community College in honor of Women's Equality Day. We registered 59 new voters.
- **Essay Contest:** Registration for our 5th essay contest for high school seniors is open! This year students are asked to answer "What is one of the most pressing issues facing young women today and how do you see yourself having an impact on that issue?"  
[Download the registration form.](#)
- **Legislative Survey:** Please keep an eye out for our upcoming legislative survey. We want to know what issues most affect you so that we can accurately represent our membership at the Legislature. The survey will be out late September/early October. Please take a few minutes to complete it.
- **Volunteerism Is Leadership:** We will continue to provide you with group volunteer opportunities throughout the next year. We'll be volunteering at [the Love Your Body 5K](#) in West Hartford on October 22, 2011. Can you join us? [Email Carrie to RSVP.](#) Free t-shirts to all volunteers!
- **Body Image Workshops:** We are finishing up a brand new workshop about body image and the media. Are you interested in having us present to your organization/college? Let us know. [Email Jillian.](#)
- **Winter Networking Event:** Every December we hold a networking event for our members. The date is still TBD but will be in early December.
- **Campus Outreach:** We're currently working to increase our involvement on college campuses across the state. Are you a student on a college campus and involved in a student group we should be connected with? [Email Lauren](#), our campus relations coordinator with suggestions.
- **Women's Campaign School at Yale:** We are currently in talks with the campaign school about several possible collaborations. More details to come.

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