



BUFFALO NIAGARA PARTNERSHIP

ADVOCACY

Boot Camp

Primer Cheat Sheet

This event served to provide an opportunity to get an introduction and have a conversation about some of our most pressing regional issues. There are lots of resources out there you can use to stay informed. Below are just a few of them that may be of interest:

Who are your elected representatives?

Find out using the UB Regional Institute's Address Analyzer: http://rkn.buffalo.edu/place/address_enter.cfm and the Partnership's Public Officials Directory (coming online January 09)

What are some ongoing initiatives you may get involved in?

Government Affairs Council (GAC)

The Government Affairs Council (GAC) of the Buffalo Niagara Partnership is the point of contact for all issues that deal with local, state and federal government. The GAC reviews legislation and recommends support or opposition, advocates for specific legislation and regularly meets with local, state and federal officials to advance the goals of our region's business community.

RemaiNY

In 2008, Assemblyman Jack Quinn and two of his fellow Assembly Republican colleagues established the RemaiNY statewide task force. With a stated goal of implementing policies that would reverse the exodus of New York's brightest minds and youthful talent to more economically attractive areas of the country, the task force has conducted listening tours across the Empire State. These forums have taken place in Elmira, Syracuse, Poughkeepsie, and New York City, and serve as collaborative workshops between local institutions of higher education, workforce development organizations, and labor and business leaders. Stay tuned for more info on this.

I Live NY Initiative

Begun during the Spitzer administration, I Live NY sought to address some of the challenges facing young New Yorkers and find ways to stem the exodus of young talent from NYS. Gov. Paterson is in the process of reviving this statewide initiative. BN360 will keep you updated on this development.

Great Lakes Urban Exchange (GLUE)

www.gluespace.org

GLUE is a coalition comprised of post-boomer urbanists located in the "rustbelt" to promote the power, aide in the positive transformation, and address the shared challenges of similarly-storied older industrial cities situated in the Great Lakes watershed. Among the ranks of GLUE coalition members are community organizers, urban planners, artists, environmentalists, entrepreneurs, and students living and working in over twenty cities in ten states.



Blogs

Want to keep the conversation going? The BN360 blog is here to help share the young professional perspective. If you want to submit a post contact Ann Mestrovich, amestrovich@thepartnership.org



Here are some blogs specific to Buffalo Niagara and NY State. This is for informational purposes only; we don't necessarily endorse these:

<http://blogonweck.blogspot.com/>

<http://blogs.timesunion.com/capitol/>

<http://niagaratimes.blogspot.com/>

<http://buffalopundit.wnynmedia.net/blogs/>