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## Workshop Offers Grant for Winning Community Development Initiative

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— The Action Research Center (ARC) at Illinois Wesleyan University will award a \$300 grant for a new community development initiative, based on the most popular proposal generated during a lunch workshop on Wednesday, Oct. 2 from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. in the Young Main Lounge, Memorial Center (104 E. University Ave., Bloomington).



Students, faculty, staff and community partners who have registered will put forth their proposals at the workshop, "Unraveling Inequality: 'Connecting with Community Partners,'" co-sponsored by the Action Research Center, Phi Beta Kappa Fellows Program, the Dean of Students Office, the **Unraveling Inequality Course Cluster** and the Center for Human Rights and Social Justice. As part of the cluster, this fall 11 instructors are incorporating a human rights and social justice theme into a course and participating in a joint series of activities that support student engagement. This year's theme is "Unraveling Inequality."

Attendees at the workshop – who include students enrolled in these courses and members of Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) and other student groups – will learn what inequality means in Bloomington-Normal, what makes a good student-community partnership, and hear from IWU student-community partner pairs who have worked together on a variety of projects.

During the workshop, students and their respective community partners will be seated together for consultation. Each group will write a one-sentence description of their project initiative, and students will vote for their favorite project. The \$300 ARC grant will be awarded to the table with the most popular proposal for a development initiative after the votes are tallied later on Wednesday. The name of the winning community partner will be posted on the **Phi Beta Kappa web page** and on the **ARC Facebook page**.

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