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Emerging actors on the global landscape – their specificity, role and links to associations



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The Talloires Network:

Strengthening the Civic Roles and Social Responsibilities of Higher Education



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ORIGINS OF THE NETWORK: THE TALLOIRES CONFERENCE

September 15-17, 2005

Hosted by Tufts University
with Innovations in Civic Participation

Historic first gathering of 29 leaders
of higher education institutions
from 23 countries





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91 MEMBERS FROM 37 COUNTRIES INCLUDING:

- Universidad Veracruzana (Mexico)
- University of Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)
- Aga Khan University (Pakistan)
- New York University (U.S.A.)
- Open University (U.K.)
- Cape Peninsula University of Technology (South Africa)
- An Giang University (Vietnam)
- Anadolu University (Turkey)



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TALLOIRES DECLARATION

“Our institutions recognize that we do not exist in isolation from society, nor from the communities in which we are located. Instead, we carry a unique obligation to listen, understand, and contribute to social transformation and development.”



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THE NETWORK

The Talloires Network is an international association of institutions committed to strengthening the civic roles and social responsibilities of higher education.

Values and Purpose:

- Foster partnerships between universities and communities to empower groups and individuals and increase the relevance of university education
- Build a culture of civic engagement through reciprocal relationships with communities and mutual exchange between members
- Build a diverse and international membership to incorporate new perspectives, motivations, and ideas for how universities can engage with their communities, society and world



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SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION AGREE TO:

- Expand civic engagement and social responsibility programs
- Ensure that standards of excellence, critical debate, scholarly research and peer judgment are applied rigorously to community engagement
- Embed public responsibility through personal example and the policies and practices of our higher education institutions
- Disseminate information and raise awareness about issues of civil importance and the contributions of higher education to social advancement



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EMERGING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT NETWORKS

- Civic engagement networks have emerged across the globe:
 - AUCEA (Australia)
 - Universidad Construye Pais (Chile)
 - Campus Compact (U.S.A)
 - New Eurasia Foundation network (Russia)
 - Ma'an Arab University Alliance (Middle East/North Africa)
- These networks and others are responding to local needs and contexts



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ROLE OF THE TALLOIRES NETWORK IN THE GLOBAL CONTEXT

- The Talloires Network envisions becoming a “Network of networks” because it should enhance – not compete with – local work
- Regional and local networks enable the Talloires Network to offer context-driven assistance and make it more accessible to larger numbers of institutions
- The Network seeks to catalyze new networks in places where no such support exists, to link with existing civic engagement networks and to encourage other higher education networks to adopt civic engagement as one of their objectives



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