

**Indiana State University  
Community Engagement Activities  
Department Annual Report  
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Project Name:

Dewey Institute for Lifelong Learning

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**Description**

The Dewey Institute for Lifelong Learning (DILL) is a non-profit, membership organization open to all adults in the Greater Wabash Valley, regardless of age or academic background. At its center are programs that are designed by its members and tailored to suit their interests. Programs are offered without concern for prerequisites, credit, or grades. The Dewey Institute is affiliated with the Elderhostel Institute Network.

**How do you see community engagement activities fitting in with your department in the future?**

Community engagement activities, such as the Dewey Institute for Lifelong Learning, are a good fit with the Office of Continuing Education. Our mission is to foster professional and personal development by sharing the knowledge and expertise of ISU

**What do you feel has been the impact of the project?**

For 2005-2006 DILL offered 33 single lectures, 14 short courses and 26 special events for a total of 73 programs. Ninety-one presenters, many of them institute members, provided these programs at no cost to the Dewey Institute.

**Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class**

N/A

**Who from the community is involved?**

Many people from the Wabash Valley community, especially retired persons, participate in the Dewey Institute. Membership is open to anyone in the area regardless of age or education level.

**Who from ISU is involved?**

A number of retired ISU faculty, staff, and alumni are involved as members of the Dewey Institute.

Number of Students	Where it takes/took place	Is this activity ongoing
Membership in the Dewey	DILL offers single lectures, short courses and spe	Yes

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Project Name:

WVEA Partnership for Progress

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**Description**

The Wabash Valley Educational Alliance (WVEA) is a consortium of educational entities in the Wabash Valley and business/industry. WVEA is housed at ISU Continuing Education. The Director of Continuing Education is the convener of WVEA. Partnership for Progress is co-sponsored by WVEA and the Western Indiana Workforce Investment Board. In 2005-2006, two conferences brought together leaders from business, government, and education to address economic development issues important to the Western Indiana/Eastern Illinois region. These conferences are made possible by a CAPE grant from the State.

**How do you see community engagement activities fitting in with your department in the future?**

WVEA allows ISU to work with other educational institutions and with industry in the region to share resources to assist the Wabash Valley with educational, workforce, and economic development efforts.

**What do you feel has been the impact of the project?**

The conferences provide community and university leaders an opportunity to come together to hear keynote speakers on various topics related to economic development, then to form groups to discuss ways the attendees can work together.

**Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class**

N/A

**Who from the community is involved?**

Business, education and government leaders from a number of communities in the Wabash Valley Region participate.

**Who from ISU is involved?**

ISU faculty and staff participated in both workshops.

Number of Students	Where it takes/took place	Is this activity ongoing
153	These conferences are held on the ISU campus	Yes