

☆ The City Thinks ☆

Education, Poverty and a Call to Action

Become inspired! The 2009 City Thinks: Education, Poverty and a Call to Action Study Group on Urban Education offers a fantastic opportunity to explore the topics of urban education and poverty with community members and local educators, with discussions and seminars led by professors from local colleges.

Highlights for participants include:

- Book and Documentary Discussion Groups
- Kick-off lecture and small group discussion with author of *Whatever It Takes*, Paul Tough, 10/15
- Urban Education Panel Discussion, 10/22
- Culminating lecture by Geoffrey Canada, the President of the Harlem Children's Zone, 11/4
- Final seminar led by Smith College Faculty

To participate:

1. Notify Executive Director, Patricia Canavan, at canavan_patricia@yahoo.com in order to receive the reading packet. Please include your name, address, telephone and email.
2. In addition to the reading packet, please read "Whatever It Takes: Geoffrey Canada's Quest to Change Harlem and America" by Paul Tough, available at the Springfield City Library or at the Odyssey Bookshop.
3. Complete the assigned reading prior to the start of City Thinks.
4. Attend a book discussion, movie screening and at least 2 of the starred City Thinks activities indicated on the City Thinks schedule
5. Attend the final study group seminar on 11/12 with Smith College Professors Sam Intrator and Don Seigel.



"What would it take to change the lives of poor children — not one by one, through heroic interventions and occasional miracles, but in big numbers, and in a way that could be replicated nationwide?"
- Paul Tough in **Whatever It Takes**.



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