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HILL DISTRICT YOUTH TO VISIT IRELAND

In collaboration with the Ireland Institute and Amizade, Hill House plans to send a delegation of 10 youth and five chaperones to Ireland in 2015. This visit is part of a longstanding relationship with local partners and organizations in Ireland. Over the past three years, we provided placement for an intern (in partnership with the Ireland Institute), hosted two student groups (in conjunction with Amizade), conducted a tour for Boston College, and presented service-learning experiences for teens from Newry.

This 10-day trip to Ireland will offer Hill District youth an opportunity to see the world and broaden their perspectives. We intend to connect with Grainne Powell, the Director of the Sticky Fingers Arts organization in Newry, which welcomed Hill District visitors in 2010. Students will gather information and document their travels (via Facebook, Skype, Twitter and Instagram). Upon their return, they will give a talk about the trip. Dr. Emma Lucas-Darby, HHA Board Member and Professor Emerita at Carlow University, will develop the criteria for participants.

Ireland: Dublin, Newry and Belfast

For more information, call 412-392-4400



Youth from Newry, Ireland, volunteer at the Dwayne Cooper Garden of Hope.

HILL HOUSE 50TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK

As a keepsake, Hill House is partnering with published author and Pittsburgh native Abby Mendelson, Ph.D., and advertising agency A to Z Communications to create a book to commemorate the heritage of Hill House and the 50th anniversary year celebration. Mendelson is the author of the official book of the city of Pittsburgh, *Pittsburgh Born, Pittsburgh Bred*. As part of the faculty of Chatham University, Mendelson teaches creative non-fiction in the Master's program of Creative Writing.

The 50-page book features historic details, photos, and quotes from founders, staff, and program participants. Dr. Laurence Glasco (University of Pittsburgh) and Dr. Mindy Thompson-Fullilove (Columbia University) serve as publication scholars. The Senator John Heinz History Center and the University of Pittsburgh's Digital Research Library have provided access to documents and photos. A book launch party is planned to celebrate the publication.



Hill City Youth Municipality is one of three neighborhood organizations that merged and became the Hill House Association.