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## An Example of Service-Learning:

When someone removes trash from a streambed, analyzes what they found, shares the results, offers suggestions for the neighborhood to reduce pollution, and then reflects on their experience: that is service-learning!

*“By its very definition, civic responsibility means taking a healthy role in the life of one’s community. That means that classroom lessons should be complemented by work outside the classroom. Service-learning does just that, tying community service to academic learning.”*

FORMER SENATOR JOHN GLENN

*“Service-learning is a particularly fertile way of involving young people in community service, because it ties helping others to what they are learning in the classroom. It enables them to apply academic disciplines to practical, everyday problems. In the process, it provides a compelling answer to the adolescent’s perennial question, ‘Why do I need to learn this stuff?’”*

COLIN POWELL,  
U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE

## Questions?

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## Service-Learning Makes a Difference

Service-learning is a teaching and learning strategy that integrates community service with academic study to enrich learning, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities.

Service-learning makes a difference by:

- promoting learning through active participation,
- creating structured time for students to reflect,
- providing opportunities to use skills and knowledge in real-life situations,
- extending learning beyond the classroom, and
- fostering self-esteem and a sense of caring for others.



## NSLC Makes Service-Learning Easier

NSLC provides free and accessible tools and resources to help you provide a quality service-learning experience:

- hundreds of ready-to-download teaching tools in SLICE (the Service-Learning Ideas and Curricular Examples database);
- the world's largest service-learning library with over 6,500 items;
- thousands of full-text resources in the e-Library; and
- fact sheets, bibliographies, and toolkits to bring you the best of service-learning practice and research.

We help you connect to the broader service-learning community:

- free venues for publicizing your project to a nationwide audience;
- an electronic community of service-learning practitioners and scholars for brainstorming, collaborating, and sharing information and ideas; and
- regular updates on new resources, events, jobs, and funding opportunities.

And our staff and advisors are ready to lend a helping hand:

- free reference and referral assistance;
- workshops at service-learning events to boost your research and practice; and
- webinars, teleconferences and other at-home learning opportunities with service-learning experts.



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## Learn and Serve America Makes It All Possible

As the largest national funder of service-learning, Learn and Serve America provides grants to schools, colleges, and nonprofit groups to support efforts to engage 1.5 million students each year in community service linked to educational goals. Learn and Serve America is administered by the Corporation for

National and Community Service, which also oversees Senior Corps and AmeriCorps. By engaging our nation's young people in service-learning, Learn and Serve America instills an ethic of lifelong community service.

To learn more about Learn and Serve America programs in your state, visit:

[www.servicelearning.org/lsa/lsa\\_page/grantees.php](http://www.servicelearning.org/lsa/lsa_page/grantees.php).

As well as providing direct funding for service-learning projects, Learn and Serve America also supports the National Service-Learning Clearinghouse and the ways we make service-learning easier for you. Whether your focus is kindergarten through grade twelve, higher education,



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community-based initiatives, or tribes/U.S. Territories programs, NSLC staff are ready to assist you in strengthening schools and communities using service-learning.