

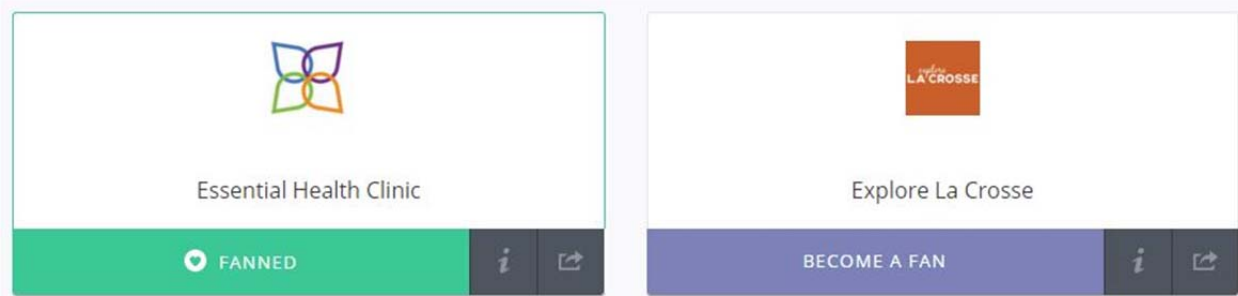
Ugetconnected: The What, How, and Why at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse



What is it?

Ugetconnected offers students and community members a way to easily find, track, and participate in service events in the La Crosse area. With its user-friendly format, it is easy for your students to create a profile and customize their event searches. This can be done either by their interests (like advocacy, education, event support, and many more) or by causes they care about (such as disaster response, health, equality, etc.).

Another way students can find volunteer opportunities is to become a 'fan' of the various agencies on the site. When they do this, they will be notified of any needs that the agency posts onto Ugetconnected.



After responding to these needs, and volunteering time, students can log their hours and the website will configure a volunteer resume for them! That way, you can see just how much of a difference your class has made in the La Crosse area.

Visit: www.uwlax.edu/volunteer/

How do I use it?

We have compiled three tutorial videos for simple how-to explanations regarding the Ugetconnected site. The first video titled 'Welcome to Ugetconnected' will give you a brief

overview of the site. The video will give you information on how students can register and edit their user profiles.

The second video 'Searching and Responding to Needs' will provide further details on how to find needs and events that match your students' interests, causes, and favorite agencies.

The third "Submitting Hours and Utilizing the Volunteer Resume" will show you how students can log the hours they give to the community and how to access their volunteer resume.

Welcome to Ugetconnected

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Afa6HJh6jFM>

Searching and Responding to Needs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s8MVHc9Padc&index=11&list=PLKkvzdt9vp9FhFoC84enc8HZ45qUDYaTF>

Submitting Hours and Utilizing the Volunteer Resume

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kfr7YfznDeg&list=PLKkvzdt9vp9FhFoC84enc8HZ45qUDYaTF&index=10>

Ugetconnected Information Sessions:

If you wish to learn more about Ugetconnected, or perhaps learn about the site in a different format, the Center for Leadership and Involvement will offer one-hour sessions to answer questions about using Ugetconnected in courses during the first week of classes as follows:

Tuesday, Jan. 26 - 1200 Centennial

9:30-10:30am

11am-12noon

Wednesday, Jan. 27 - 2200 Centennial

1-2pm

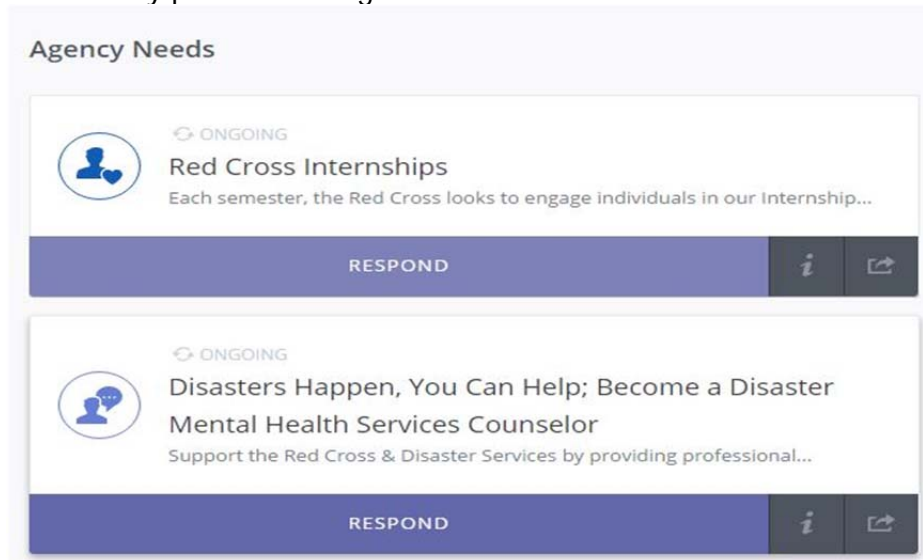
2:30-3:30pm

In addition, one-one instructor sessions can be arranged at any time/location by contacting Jaralee Richter jrichter@uwlax.edu

If requested, members of the Leadership and Involvement staff would be able to attend college or department meetings to explain Ugetconnected. In addition, the LIG peer advisors offer 15-20 minute classroom presentations throughout the semester. Contact jrichter@uwlax.edu for more information. Staff will bring two "Ugetconnected" t-shirts to be given away in your class.

Why should I use it?

For classes that require or encourage students to volunteer in the La Crosse community, Ugetconnected makes communications between students/faculty and community agencies so much easier. With the site, there is no need to initially contact a community partner, as their needs are already posted with Ugetconnected.



Contact Jaralee Richter jrichter@uwlax.edu to participate in any of the following incentives. Instructors will receive a Ugetconnected t-shirt just for participating.



1. For instructors that utilize the site, they will be entered into a drawing for free Graphics Services (full color professional 24" by 34" poster printing, lamination services, buttons, etc.).

2. In addition, the work that your class and students will be doing could be shared in the Campus Connection Kudos, featuring success stories from your experiences and encouraging prospective students to research your class. This also give a chance to highlight the good work that classes are doing!
3. Specialized reports can be gathered for specific information to retrieve the exact community impact, in terms of economic value, that UWL students and classes have on the La Crosse community.

