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### Conference Focuses on Building Inclusive Organizations & Outreach

Cornell Cooperative Extension is hosting a conference for not-for-profit organizations, *The Strength of Diversity: Building Inclusive Organizations and Outreach*, from November 9-11, 2004 in Syracuse, New York. Twenty workshops are broken into three tracks focusing on leading diverse organizations; developing programs for diverse audiences; and home and landownership issues. The conference is geared to the needs of administrative and program staff of not-for-profit organizations, directors, supervisors, educators and community/county/state agency employees who are looking for opportunities for personal and professional growth, access to tools and strategies, excellent discussions and networking opportunities on effective outreach and responsiveness to diverse communities. It is presented and partially underwritten by various Cornell Cooperative Extension and Cornell University groups committed to meeting the challenges of an increasingly diverse work force and community base. Extension staff from Ulster County will be attending this conference and are seeking representatives from other local agencies, schools and organizations to participate in this event. For more information contact Lydia Reidy, Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County 340-3990 or contacting Linda Couchon at (607) 734-4453 or [LWC4@cornell.edu](mailto:LWC4@cornell.edu). Conference and registration materials are available online at <http://www.cce.cornell.edu/diversity/conference/index.html>.

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