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Resources for Social Entrepreneurship and Leadership

Anke Wessels, John Jaquette, and I would like to invite you to join us for a topical lunch sponsored by the Cornell Center for a Sustainable Future (CCSF) next Wednesday, October 14th, from 12-1p in 300 Rice Hall to review our work over the past year in collaboration with Ashoka (www.ashoka.org) as part of their Changemaker Campus program. As one of four initial universities (along with Johns Hopkins, The University of Maryland, and George Mason University) participating in the program, we were able to utilize the opportunity of working closely with Ashoka to identify existing campus and alumni resources related to social entrepreneurship and leadership; organize and communicate those resources to the broad Cornell community; establish a vehicle for highlighting compelling examples of social entrepreneurship among current students and alumni; begin to build a cross-campus faculty network interested in changemakers, innovation, and problem solving; and identify opportunities for curriculum development and research related to these topics.

We have agreed with Ashoka to continue this relationship for at least two additional years in an effort to further develop resources within the University community, assist Ashoka in further Changemaker Campus program development, and help mentor other campus working with Ashoka to develop programs focused on changemakers, innovators, and problem solvers. During this topical lunch we would like to discuss with colleagues the opportunities related to the research and teaching of these topics, as well as the opportunities for fundraising for those activities and building a stronger community of interest at Cornell.