



# ***Social Engagement Initiative*** Day Immersions Information Packet

The Social Engagement Initiative believes that by engaging our neighbors socially, academically, and creatively, we can spread the practice of radical hospitality beyond our doors. Join us, and together we can creatively and intentionally challenge systems of injustice and oppression facing our most vulnerable neighbors.

Day Immersions welcome groups of all ages and types to engage in relational service with BSM's Hospitality Collaborative surrounded by informative and provocative discussions and activities. You will be involved in a community that fosters creativity and lifelong learning with the flexibility to pursue the intersectionality of justice issues and civic engagement.

## **Day Immersion Packages**

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**Base Package: \$45 per person**

Choose 1 Service Experience: Serve a Breaking Bread meal **OR** Be Served a Breaking Bread Meal

Choose 1 Learning Experience: Educational Component **OR** Center City Neighbors Tour

**Optional Add-Ons:** (choose up to 2)

- Educational Component (+\$5 per person)
- Center City Neighbors Tour (+\$5 per person)

*You can read more about these package offerings on the back of this page!*

## **Scheduling a Day Immersion**

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Schedule your Day Immersion any day, **Monday through Friday, September through April**. Prior to registering, please communicate with Devin ([devin@broadstreetministry.org](mailto:devin@broadstreetministry.org)) to discuss dates. If you're interested in **servicing** a Breaking Bread meal, you will need to schedule your Day Immersion at least 4 months in advance.

We'll create your day around the following BSM Hospitality Collaborative Volunteer Schedule:

**Monday through Friday, 10:30am – 1:30pm**

\*Note: if you are interested in a Day Immersion on a Saturday – let us know! We have opportunities for engagement and service outside of BSM's Hospitality Collaborative schedule.

**For more information and with questions, contact:**  
**Devin Johns, Social Engagement Manager**  
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# Imagine What We Can Learn in a Day

## Service Experience: Serve or Be Served

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### **Serve with the Hospitality Collaborative**

BSM's Hospitality Collaborative provides a myriad of social services while cultivating a sense of safe and inclusive community among guests, volunteers, and staff. Our services include the Breaking Bread meal, 315 Threadz (clothing), Personal Care, mail service, and therapeutic arts. **You will be serving our guests** a meal in a dignified manner and helping to ensure that there is always a place at the table for each of our guests.

### **Be Served a Breaking Bread Meal alongside Guests**

Instead of volunteering, you're invited to **sit down at the table and have a meal with our guests**. By taking your seat at the table, you'll listen to stories, engage in conversations, chip away at the social stigmas of deep poverty and mental illness, and develop a personal motivation to continue to work for justice.

## Learning Experiences: Dig Deeper

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### **Educational Component**

At BSM, your group will encounter realities of scarcity, and the Educational Component serves to inform you of policy, social research, current events, and systems of civic injustice. Through a secular interactive discussion, we **will further engage your group with the interconnectivity of housing and food insecurity, addiction, mental illness, racial injustice, and the criminal justice system**. The educational component will be strictly secular.

### **Center City Neighbors Tour**

A walking tour of Center City intentionally calls groups **to truly be in the city by using our senses and observation skills**. On our walk, we'll notice our neighbors who seek shelter in the underground SEPTA concourse; we'll observe how the wage gap in Center City presents itself through resources, storefronts, and food access; we'll meet our neighbors who often go unnoticed as we pass by them on the street; we'll encounter the diversity of people who occupy Center City for work, play, and residence. The conversation on the walk will include causes and the traumatizing effects of homelessness and poverty.

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

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## **Where can we park?**

BSM does not have its own parking, but within just a few blocks, we do have metered street parking and multiple parking garages. Your total cost does not include parking fees. Note: many garages will not accept oversized SUVs or passenger vans. If you'd like us to give you addresses of garages or parking lots, we can certainly do that!

## **What should we do about meals?**

We can schedule a time during your Day Immersion for your group to eat together, regardless of which base option you choose.

The only food that BSM can provide is that which is being served for the Breaking Bread meal. We cannot tell you in advance what the meal will be. If you have members of your group with dietary restrictions, please have them bring pre-packed meals to eat following the Breaking Bread meal.

If you choose to serve a Breaking Bread meal, please plan to pre-pack and bring your meal or plan to visit a nearby restaurant (we can suggest something!) during the time we schedule for you to eat.

## **Who can attend, and how many people can we bring?**

Anyone can attend! Day Immersions present an exciting opportunity in that anyone at all can come and find meaning. You can bring your adult coworkers or employees, your book club, just a group of your friends, or an intergenerational group. Anyone over the age of 11 is welcome.

Our minimum group size is 10 people total. If a group is larger than 20 people, there will be an added fee of \$5 per person. We cannot accept groups larger than 40.

## **What should we bring and what should we leave at home?**

Please bring an open mind and a spirit of hospitality. BSM takes great care to ensure that all are graciously welcomed into our space regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, mental health issues, socioeconomic status, race, and criminal history. Feel free to leave at home any stigmas against individuals experiencing scarcity and poverty.

You are welcome to bring your phones and cameras, but we ask that you put them away during your time engaging with BSM's guests. The goal is to be present and in solidarity with our community, and we find that phones and cameras actually create physical barriers between ourselves and another person. In addition, please do not plan on taking any photos of BSM's guests.

If you plan on eating a meal apart from what is provided with the Breaking Bread meal, please pre-pack and bring your food or bring money to dine at a nearby restaurant. BSM can provide you with refrigerator space, but we cannot reheat any food.

Bring a water bottle! We have water readily available, and we'd love to not have to use paper cups.

Appropriate attire and footwear for walking, especially if you choose to serve a Breaking Bread meal and/or go on the Center City Neighbors Tour.

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# We're In!

## How to Register for a Day Immersion

### Check Availability and Scheduling

Contact Devin Johns by emailing [devin@broadstreetministry.org](mailto:devin@broadstreetministry.org) or by calling (215)735-4847 x108.

We'll build the schedule of your day around the BSM Breaking Bread meal schedule and work within your time frame.

Volunteer shifts fill up early and quickly, especially for Saturdays, so if you'd like to volunteer at a meal, please contact us at least 3 months ahead of your ideal date.

### Actually Registering your Day Immersion

You'll find a registration form on the final page of this pack or we can send you a copy via email.

We **cannot accept registration forms if you have not discussed and confirmed dates** with Devin prior to sending in your form.

Your registration will be complete when we receive your completed form along with 1/3 of your total group cost.

### Pricing and Payments

#### How to calculate your total cost:

For Groups of 10-20:

**(\$45 base fee + Add-On + Add-On) X # participants = Total Balance**

For Groups of 20-40:

**(\$50 base fee + Add-On + Add-On) X # participants = Total Balance**

We'll break the total balance into three equal installments, due at the following times:

Installment #1: first 1/3 of total balance, due **upon registration**

Installment #2: second 1/3 of total balance, **due one month prior** to your arrival

*(after we receive the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment, the number of participants for whom you are paying cannot be decreased)*

Installment #3: final 1/3 of total balance, **due upon your arrival** for your Day Immersion

Payments can be made via **checks made payable to *Broad Street Ministry*** with ***Day Immersion*** written in the memo line and mailed to the following address:

Attn: Devin Johns  
315 S Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107



# Day Immersions Registration Form

*This completed form and the first 1/3 of your total group balance are needed to officially reserve your day.*

## **Contact Information**

Group Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Immersion \_\_\_\_\_

## **Group Information**

Total Number of People \_\_\_\_\_ Number Group Leader(s) \_\_\_\_\_

What age group are you bringing? (middle school/high school/college/adult) \_\_\_\_\_

What is your group looking to explore and gain from your Day Immersion?

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Do any members of your group have any special needs, including dietary restrictions (gluten-free, vegetarian, etc) or physical disabilities? If so, please explain:

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## **Building the Day Immersion**

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### **Base Package:**

Choose 1 (please circle your selection):

Serve a Breaking Bread meal      **OR**      Be Served a Breaking Bread Meal      **OR**      Other

Choose 1 (please circle your selection):

Educational Component      **OR**      Center City Neighbors Tour

**Optional Add-Ons:** (please circle your selection if you'd like to add on an additional piece to your Day)

- Educational Component (+\$5 per person)
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## **Payments**

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**Making a Payment:** We can accept checks made payable to "*Broad Street Ministry*" with "*Day Immersion*" written in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to: Attn: Devin Johns, 315 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107. *Note: All payments are non-transferable and non-refundable.*

## **Registration Agreement**

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Please initial next to each statement below and sign at the bottom. Also, please consider photocopying this registration form and agreement for your records.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree that no participant will arrive late or depart early in order to maintain group cohesion.

\_\_\_\_\_ I acknowledge that all payments are non-fundable and non-transferable.

\_\_\_\_\_ I acknowledge that I have thoroughly read & understand the Day Immersion information packet

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_