

Prescott OLLI Mission

OLLI's mission as a peer-directed organization within Yavapai College is to provide lifelong learning and social interaction opportunities. Talents, experience, and skills are shared in a relaxed environment to explore new interests, discover and develop latent abilities, engage in intellectual and cultural pursuits, and contribute to a rapidly changing multicultural and multigenerational society.

Prescott OLLI Vision

OLLI will continue to recognize the individuality of its members by emphasizing and expanding peer learning and social interaction. OLLI will:

- Function as an “knowledge exchange” in which we utilize, appreciate, and recognize the time and talent of our members as planners, facilitators, organizational officers and committee members.
- Provide a wide variety of learning groups, workshops and forums, as well as social and cultural events.
- Serve as an important resource and forum for the discussion of current issues and concerns of its members and the community.
- Incorporate current and future technologies into our offerings to enhance the convenience and enjoyment of class participants.
- Expand our OLLI interaction both nationally and internationally.

Prescott OLLI Values

Quality Learning Experiences

These learning experiences can be provided through a variety of forms, including learning groups, workshops, seminars, lectures, presentations, performances, field trips, and others means. They include standard YC-OLLI class sessions and other mechanisms including partnering with other organizations and taking advantage of local events to extend learning experiences. Emphasis is placed on making sure content is balanced and

fairly represents all legitimate views. We seek talented and committed facilitators to assure that all learning experiences are high quality.

Meaningful Participation

In all YC-OLLI endeavors, we seek participants with inquisitive minds who practice critical thinking. We encourage members to grow in mental, social, emotional, and physical dimensions from the experiences we provide through a diverse set of offerings. We depend on volunteers for the vast majority of our efforts to provide opportunities for service to fellow members.

Socialization

We provide opportunities to socialize on a formal (organized events) and informal basis. We encourage members to meet new friends and form new relationships through interactions with other members.

Inclusivity

We strive for diversity: diversity of background, diversity of thought. We strive to be inclusive, to invite membership from the whole community.

Transparency

Transparency is necessary for a peer-driven organization to function. We value our lineage and learn from past experiences as reflected in our Bylaws and Policies and Procedures. We make sure all events are open to the widest range of the membership possible. This includes not only official YC-OLLI events, but also OLLI governance: the workings of the Governing Council and the various committees which drive our organization.

Community Connections

We value our relationship with our host, Yavapai College. We partner with other community organizations and seek to advertise ourselves widely in the community and to represent what is best in the community as a whole.