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Young Leadership Council Launches New Project, Le Vert Tour

Project Kicks Off with "Green" Home Tours

New Orleans, LA (March 2, 2011) – Young Leadership Council (YLC), a non-profit civic organization that develops leadership skills through community projects, is pleased to announce the launch of its newest project, Le Vert Tour, a home tour focused on educating the public about economically effective ways to reduce their carbon footprint. The project will kick off its first ever home tour on March 26 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Created by YLC members Chappell Williams, Erin O'Connell, Erika Coleman, Serina Phoenix and Sarah Tanno, the Le Vert Tour will be an annual tour of homes that have incorporated "green" aspects such as sustainable designs and environmentally friendly, innovative techniques. The self-guided driving tour will take participants through 11 homes in Mid-City, the Lower Garden District, Uptown and Central City giving them a first-hand look at the advantages and ease of implementing these eco-friendly aspects into their own homes. Williams is currently spearheading the project with YLC members Daniel Simpson and Sonia Gasparini.

In addition to having direct access to the home owners, participants will also have the opportunity to meet with various organizations at each house, such as the American Institute of Architects, the Preservation Resource Center and the US Green Building Council. Representatives will be on hand to help answer questions about environmentally friendly techniques, materials and resources available.

According to Amy Boyle Collins, executive director of YLC, "We are so excited to launch our latest project, Le Vert Tour. Developing an environmentally friendly lifestyle is critical to create a sustainable future for our community. We are thrilled to help educate the public and learn from local leaders who are already living a greener lifestyle."

Participants must have a passport to enter the houses on the tour. Passports are available on March 26 at the Young Leadership Council's office located at 1840 Euterpe Street.

People interested in showing their eco-friendly homes can fill out an application by clicking this [link](#) and submitting it to leverttour@youngleadershipcouncil.org. For more information on the YLC and to view a list of the homes and organizations participating in the 2011 Le Vert Tour, please visit www.youngleadershipcouncil.org.

The Young Leadership Council is a non-profit, non-partisan civic organization created to develop leadership through community projects. Through volunteer-created community projects, the YLC recruits and retains young professionals to New Orleans, creating a positive impact on the quality of life in the region. The oldest, independent YPO (young professionals' organization) in the country, the YLC has raised more than \$25 million to support community projects in and around the New Orleans area since 1986.

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