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**The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum
and the Roosevelt Institute present
“ENGAGING AMERICA’S YOUTH”
a panel discussion
Thursday, October 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
Henry A. Wallace Center at the
FDR Presidential Library and Home**

HYDE PARK, NY -- The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum and the Roosevelt Institute are pleased to present, “**ENGAGING AMERICA’S YOUTH**,” a panel discussion on the significance of engaging young people in the political arena in the era of Franklin Roosevelt and today. Panelists will include **Alexander Heffner**, journalist and civic educator; **Carrie Sheffield**, conservative political analyst and writer; and **Taylor Jo Isenberg**, National Director, Roosevelt Institute | Campus Network. The program will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 18, 2012 in the Henry A. Wallace Center. This event is free and open to the public.

Moderated by Roosevelt Library education director Jeffrey Urbin, the program will begin with a discussion of the history of youth involvement in the American political process throughout the 20th century. The panel will then explore the expectations and realities of President Obama's engagement with young voters during his first term and bid for re-election in the context of FDR's political legacy. Inaugurated amid tremendous economic upheaval, how did both men respond to the challenges facing the next generation of Americans? The program will conclude with a discussion on the mobilization of younger voters in the current presidential race, as both President Obama and his Republican opponent, Mitt Romney, court 18-29 year olds in the final stretch of the campaign.

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There is no charge for this program. Please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email clifford.laube@nara.gov with questions about the event.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum is dedicated to preserving historical material and providing innovative educational programs, community events, and public outreach. It is one of thirteen presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. For information about the FDR Presidential Library call (800) 337-8474 or visit www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu.

Historic Hyde Park is a group of government and private non-profit organizations based in Hyde Park, New York. Each has a unique mission, but all are united in their dedication to extending the legacy of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt to new generations. HHP includes the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site, Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site, the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, the Roosevelt Institute, and Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site. For more information about HHP visit www.HistoricHydePark.org.

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