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DWN Successfully Launches First Phase of Encore Careers Transition Program

Newton, MA – An enthusiastic crowd from over 26 cities and towns in Greater Boston gathered today at Lasell College to learn about DWN’s Encore Careers transition pilot program. An encore career is work that provides personal meaning, continued income and social impact.

The majority of those attending signed up to be considered for a spot in the pilot program. Over the next few months, the pilot will involve individual and group meetings designed to explore the world of encore careers and help connect participants to the information and resources they need to move forward in finding an encore opportunity.

DWN has created and trained a corps of volunteer Encore Navigators, a unique role developed by DWN. Encore Navigators serve as facilitators who will help participants in the pilot program develop a roadmap for considering and finding an encore career. An ongoing evaluation of the pilot process conducted by Lasell College’s Rosemary B. Fuss Center for Research On Aging and Intergenerational Studies will be used to shape the curriculum for training and program offerings when DWN’s Encore Careers Transition Program is officially launched in 2011.