

Creating Great Leadership

LEADERSHIP WISCONSIN is a premier leadership development program with a national reputation for producing highly effective leaders to strengthen communities.

Wisconsin's communities deserve leaders who are visionary, yet pragmatic – bound by public needs and not political favors. In order to meet challenges and recognize opportunities, our communities need leaders who show initiative, listen intently, understand the breadth of perspective on issues, assume responsibility and exercise sound decision-making.

Leadership Wisconsin is designed for the widely diverse backgrounds and experiences of Wisconsin residents – in business, education, social service, religion, nonprofits and government, just to name a few. Yet, these fellows share a strong desire to actively participate in meeting the challenges facing their communities.

Leadership Wisconsin sets the standard and is held as a model for leadership programming at the local, state and international level recognized as *"one of the most exemplary leadership programs in the nation."*

"The program creates an incredible public space to debate and discuss issues in a very respectful yet challenging forum. I do not know of any other place where I have experienced such a great diversity of people tackling such a diversity of issues in so many ways."
Dennis Deery, Alumnus, Owner, Irish Rose Consulting



Information with Inspiration

The Leadership Wisconsin experience consists of eleven seminars conducted over a two-year period. Eight 3-day In-State Seminars, dealing with cutting edge issues, are held in various locations in Wisconsin; a one-week National Seminar conducted in DC; a one-week Regional Seminar somewhere in the U.S. and a two-week International Seminar held in another country. The program experience is hands-on and demanding.

Leadership Wisconsin helps Fellows meet the challenge of leadership by:

- Broadening their understanding and perspectives on political, economic, social and cultural issues.
- Meeting and networking with key state, national and international leaders representing a wide variety of fields.
- Discovering their leadership strengths, skills, abilities, and personal values while defining their professional aspirations.
- Gaining first-hand experience of the world, its peoples and their relationships to our communities, through state, regional, national and international travel seminars.

"This premiere leadership training will not only enhance your effectiveness in your work and community, it will also enhance your personal growth and development."
Anita Genrich, Alumna, Pastor, United Methodist Church

For More Information

If you – or someone you know – is up to the challenge of leadership, contact our staff at:

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Developing Leaders to Strengthen Communities



Group XIV 2010 – 2012

Changing Lives, Changing Communities

Leadership Wisconsin is dedicated to developing leaders who strengthen their communities. We know empowered leaders better anticipate and manage change for the benefit of their neighborhoods, businesses and organizations. The knowledge and confidence participants in Leadership Wisconsin gain through this rigorous, two-year program, is an important component to reaching innovative and successful solutions that solve real world challenges.

Communities gain committed, knowledgeable and action-oriented people to serve as catalysts in promoting positive changes—people willing to roll up their sleeves and work to make Wisconsin a better place.

- **87% of alumni** go on to serve as board members for area hospitals, community and/or civic organizations.
- **69% of alumni** hold or have held elected positions for school boards, town and county boards as well as the state legislature.
- **47% of alumni** are involved in organizations that support their professions or industries.

Leadership Wisconsin is a proven method of leadership development that produces top-notch leaders for towns, villages, cities, rural regions, counties, and Wisconsin enhancing the quality of life... in public, business, and nonprofit endeavors.



Group XIV Fellows 2010-2012



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