

The Community Leadership Institute is a unique approach to *developing community leaders* offered collaboratively by the Center for Nonprofit Management, the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program, and the Metropolitan Alliance of Community Centers.

Our Goal: Developing Community Leaders

Building healthy neighborhoods where people can live, work and play requires committed, energetic, talented leadership. At the same time, community leadership in our urban environment has never been more challenging or more complex.

The *Community Leadership Institute* is designed to provide neighborhood volunteers and community organization staff members the skills and information they need to become more effective leaders. Representing the diversity that is the fabric of our urban neighborhoods, the Institute offers these emerging leaders opportunities to explore together the dynamic work of today's community leaders.

The *Community Leadership Institute* provides a learning environment modeling the principles and strategies leaders need to use to be effective in their communities. Emerging leaders with advanced degrees learn side-by-side with those who are attending their first class in a university setting.

By attending the *Community Leadership Institute*, you will:

- Build your personal capacity to lead;
- Develop skills to help your organizations become better managed and more accountable;
- Increase your cross-cultural effectiveness;
- Access tools and resources to assist you in your work;
- Learn through the interaction and support of instructors and peers, and through more traditional classroom instruction; and,
- Build a support network with other community leaders in the Twin Cities.

Earning a *Community Leadership Certificate*

Participants will earn a **Certificate of Completion** in *Community Leadership* after successfully participating in two semesters of the *Community Leadership Institute*.

Schedule

Semester 1: 12-week session for up to 25 individuals who are new to the institute and seek to build their community leadership skills. Begins Jan. 21 from 6 – 9 p.m. and continues Tuesday nights through April 8.

Semester 2: 12-week session for up to 25 individuals who have completed Semester 1. Begins Jan. 23 from 6 – 9 p.m. and continues Thursday nights through April 10.

The Curriculum

The *Institute's* curriculum is designed to provide comprehensive training for people who work in community organizations and want to increase their leadership effectiveness. It covers topics such as: building an effective board, project management, fund-raising, and improving communication skills. The courses include regular readings and assignments related to the weekly topics. In **Semester 2**, the coursework builds upon **Semester 1** and includes topics such as **ethics of working in community, and outcomes and evaluation**. In **Semester 2**, participants work on independent projects directly related to their community work.

Apply soon. Participation is limited and the program fills quickly.

To apply to participate in the *Institute*, complete the application (linked here) and return it by **January 8, 2003** to:

Margie Siegel
Center for Nonprofit Management
Community Leadership Institute
TMH 153, 1000 LaSalle Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55403

For more information on the program, call Margie Siegel at 651-962-4291.

"The Community Leadership Institute was highly interactive and stimulating. Class members were not only challenged to make effective use of the ideas and materials from the sessions, but they were also encouraged to affect real change in their respective communities."

- **Bill Alleksaht, Center Director, Loring Nicollet Community Center & Community Leadership Institute participant, Spring 2001**

"I found that the Community Leadership Institute was inspiring, relevant, and thought-provoking...The quality of the instructors was exceptional and the experience of the other students was motivating."

- **Stephanie Oyen, neighborhood volunteer & Community Leadership Institute participant, Spring 2001**

"The Community Leadership Institute really helped people like myself to identify for ourselves that we are the emerging leaders for our communities."

- **Peto Chang, Adult and Family Program Manager, Southeast Asian Community Council & Community Leadership Institute participant, Spring 2001**