Leadership Westchester
A Professional Advancement Series
Leadership Westchester Develops, Connects and Inspires Diverse Leaders in Westchester County

Are You Ready To Lead?

This cutting-edge learning program prepares passionate, knowledgeable, and highly skilled leaders to assume positions of influence and impact, particularly as board members of nonprofit organizations throughout the county. Leadership Westchester offers a dynamic combination of lively classroom discussions, collaborative fieldwork, and self-study over a rigorous, nine-month curriculum. The next level, starts here.

To Apply

Please refer to our website www.volunteernewyork.org/leadership or call 914-948-4452 for application instructions.

Questions? Please contact leadership@volunteernewyork.org, or Program Facilitator, David Severance at severance@devservices.us / 914-320-4090 for more details.

“This is not your usual executive training program. It is an opportunity to become an effective leader by identifying one’s core values and developing authentic presence. It is truly transformative.”

Laura Rossi, Esq. ’15
WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
The program provides leading-edge thinking and techniques utilized at top business schools for managing others and achieving successful outcomes in business. Individual modules regarding all aspects of leadership are presented in a dynamic process of discussion, self-inquiry, and cooperative work. This fast-paced format will greatly strengthen participants’ abilities to work with and lead others successfully.

How You’ll Benefit
• Learn what your top personal drivers/motivators are.
• Build your own individual model for effective leadership.
• Greatly strengthen interpersonal and communication skills.
• Generate greater buy-in, trust and loyalty from those around you.
• Demonstrate grace under pressure and learn how to defuse tension effectively.
• Overcome resistance to change.
• Motivate followers and inspire them to action.
• Rally support in difficult situations.

What We’ll Cover
• Building your personal leadership success model.
• Passion, presence, and finding your leadership voice.
• Setting the direction for your life and your community.
• Influencing Others: Creating extraordinary personal impact.
• Creating Compelling Messages: Speaking powerfully and persuasively.

NON-PROFIT LEARNING
Leadership Westchester is designed to give participants the skills necessary to serve organizations at the Board of Director's level. A sequence of classes will cover the various aspects of nonprofit oversight and management, with experts sharing insights from the field, independent study projects will allow students to explore their own interests in specific areas of management (such as strategic planning or advocacy) and selected nonprofit organizations.

The program also allows participants to join a network of dynamic local and regional leaders committed to working across organizations, communities, and sectors to address public needs. Many of our former students have found these networking opportunities to be invaluable to both their volunteer work and their professional careers.

How You’ll Benefit
• Understand key responsibilities of board membership and contribution.
• Broaden understanding of Westchester’s nonprofit landscape: its leading organizations, individuals, and collaborative partnerships.
• Improve ability to successfully lobby others on issues that are important to you personally.
• Know what to look for when deciding which nonprofit(s) to support.
• Meet leaders at nonprofits of your choosing.

What We’ll Cover
• Governance: Ensuring legal and fiduciary compliance.
• Strategic Planning: Mission, vision, and organizational planning.
• Advocacy: Enhancing the organization’s public image.
• Managing Staff: Selecting, supporting and evaluating the Executive Director and key staff.
• Relationships and Responsibilities: Board and staff.
• Self-Assessment: Managing and improving the Board’s effectiveness.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
The Leadership Westchester Alumni Association (LWAA) offers an annual calendar of networking events and workshops for alumni, and includes a complimentary LW Alumni Directory.

• Graduates of the 2018 class will join a network of 400 alumni making a difference as business, nonprofit, public, civic and philanthropic leaders.

Program Dates
September 18, 2017: Class of 2017-2018 Application Deadline
Class size limited to 20. Meets centrally in Westchester every 3-4 weeks.
October 24, 2017 - 8:30am-5:00pm (full day)
November 21, 2017 - 8:30am-1:30pm (half day)
December 19, 2017 - 8:30am-1:30pm (half day)
January 16, 2018 - 8:30am-1:30pm (half day)
February 13, 2018 - 8:30am-1:30pm (half day)
March 6, 2018 - 8:30am-5:00pm (full day)
March 27, 2018 - 8:30am-1:30pm (half day)
April 24, 2018 - 8:30am-1:30pm (half day)
May 22, 2018 - 8:30am-1:30pm (half day)
June 19, 2018 - 8:30am-5:00pm (full day)