Westchester Jewish Council

2019-2020 Hon. Samuel G. Fredman Leadership Development Institute

Training for Tomorrow's Leaders • 8 sessions
October 29, November 19, December 17, January 28, February 25, March 24, April 21, and May 19
Application deadline: September 9, 2019

The Leadership Development Institute **(LDI)** was founded by Westchester Jewish Council (WJC) in 2013 in response to our members who were seeking support in fostering stronger leadership for their organizations. LDI was created with the primary objective of helping to build and sustain Jewish organizations, community and continuity. LDI is a WJC member organization benefit with no additional cost to participants. Of course, WJC is always appreciative of their members' support. See below for information on hosting or sponsoring a session.

Participation in LDI is a commitment, an honor and a privilege. Those selected to join have been recommended by their sponsoring organization as individuals who represent the future of Jewish community leadership in Westchester. The LDI brings together a small group of about twenty emerging leaders to learn together, inspire and support each other, and build a network across the Westchester Jewish community to serve as a resource going forward. Many of the participants in past LDI cohorts have gone on to take senior leadership roles in their synagogues and agencies.

WJC created this dynamic educational program to address practical issues facing Jewish organizations and the Jewish community at large. Offered biannually, topics for this year begin with "Who are today's Jews in Westchester?" then cover such themes as "The care and nurturing of volunteers" and "Leadership resources you didn't know you had." Sessions begin with a light kosher dinner and time is provided for LDI participants to interact with each other. Then the theme for the evening is presented by individuals who are content experts. Forums range from lectures to interactive discussions to role playing. A goal of LDI is to encourage and facilitate discussions among participants that foster valuable insights, develop relationships, and allow the application of information and ideas.

Importantly, to gain the full benefit of the program, participants are expected to attend all eight Tuesday evening sessions as noted above. Sessions are held at member sites across greater Westchester giving participants the opportunity to learn about the breadth of WJC member organizations and gain a better understanding of the greater Westchester Jewish community.

Who Should We Nominate**?** Participants in the Westchester Jewish Council LDI **can only be nominated by a Westchester Jewish Council member organization**. Spots are limited. The LDI committee will review all applications and select a diverse class to inspire a rich exchange of ideas. Final selections will be made based on nominations submitted by Sept. 9, 2019. The ideal participant has had significant experience in a volunteer role within your organization and can contribute to the discussion on the issues that will be addressed. **The person should an individual with the commitment and ability to take on more responsibility in the future**. This is a real opportunity to recognize a dedicated volunteer and to reap the benefit of the community's best practices brought back to their sponsoring organizations.

Can My Organization Host and Sponsor a Session**?** Whether you have a program participant this year or not, we welcome all of our member organizations to consider hosting and sponsoring a session. The goal of LDI is to develop the next generation of motivated and knowledgeable Westchester Jewish community leaders. LDI is a communal effort and depends on the support of our member organizations. The exposure you will gain by showcasing your organization will offer you the opportunity to build stronger bonds between organizations. There are two simple responsibilities: The first is opening your building one night with a room large enough to accommodate the group of approximately 30 people for three hours. The other is to provide a light kosher dinner for the participants.

We look forward to your participation as nominee and/or host of LDI. For more information, please contact:

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