Welcome to the 2022 Neighborhood Leadership Program Information Session!

Thank you for your interest in making a positive difference in our region. We are here to support you in building skills, engaging with other leaders, and developing your capacity to increase your impact and create stronger communities in Greater New Haven.

General Principles of the program:

- Learning environment, beginners mind
- Effective action for change starts with compassionate understanding of what is.
- The changes we seek depend on our being in positive relationship with each other.
- Communities have untapped resources waiting to find creative expression.
- Hands-on, experiential learning is learning for life.

Elements of Learning

- Group training sessions on Zoom: Saturday mornings, about every two weeks
- In between practice, support team meetings, and coaching
- Community Inquiry Project - Spring
- Pilot project design, execution, and evaluation – Summer

The training sessions and the learning and practice go hand in hand, and your full participation in both is important to the success of the program for you and for others.

Program Overview and Schedule - 2022

Training Session 1: CONNECTION
Saturday March 5, 9:00-11:30

- Meet and learn about each other, learning mode, relational culture
- Connect around vision

In-between Work – 2 weeks

- 4 individual meetings with the cohort and in your neighborhoods
- Support team meeting, with coaching

Training Session 2: PURPOSE
Saturday March 19, 9:00-3:00 Extended Session (possibly in person)

- Purpose and power; Limiting beliefs; art of the individual meeting
- Set up support teams.

In-between Work – 2 weeks

- 4 Individual meetings,
- Support team meeting, Individual coaching session

Training Session 3: INQUIRY
Saturday April 2 – 9:00 – 11:30
- Community strengths and challenges; vision;
- drama triangle; mindsets.

In-between Work – 2 weeks
- 4 Individual meetings; Support team meeting
- Start community inquiry project – learning objectives

Training Session 4: POWER
Saturday April 16, 9:00-11:30
- What's my part?
- Purpose in action: guiding principles

In-Between work – 2 weeks
- 4 individual meetings; Support team
- Community inquiry project: findings

Training Session 5: DESIGN
Saturday April 30, 9:00 – 11:30
- Actualizing vision; learning
- Closing the gap; brainstorming; prioritizing

In-Between work – 2 weeks
- 4 individual meetings; Support team
- Testing feasibility

Training Session 6: PILOT PLANNING
Saturday May 14, 9:00-3:00 Extended Session (possibly in person)
- Understanding/creating the context for action
- Holding the vision, building a team
- What’s the stretch, what’s the learning?

In-Between work – 3 weeks
- 4 individual meetings; Support team
- Community inquiry project: applying what you’ve learned

Training Session 7: PILOT ENGAGEMENT
Saturday June 4, 9:00-11:30
- Engaging your team; engaging your audience
- Learning from challenges; recovering to purpose

In-Between work – 2 weeks
- 4 individual meetings; Support team
Community inquiry project: findings

Training Session 8: LAUNCH
Saturday June 18, 9:00-11:30
- Learning Objectives; using your helpers and observers
- Keeping track of all the parts; stay grounded in your vision

Summer Pilot Learning – 10 weeks
- Small and real project
- Articulated learning goals
- Small grant support: $500
- Capture information/images of the pilot project to share
- Ongoing individual and support team meetings

Session 9: REFLECTION
Saturday August 20, Extended Session. 9:30 – 2:00 [possibly in person]
- Share learning from observers
- Update vision
- Plan presentations

Gathering with alumni: Presentation and Celebration
Late September, TBD

Optional Second Round Projects
Planning session: Saturday September 24, 9:00-11:30
- Deeper, bigger, in Collaboration
- Applications due mid-November
- Funding up to $2500
- Support from teams, trainers, fellows

KEY DATES: [TO BE CONFIRMED BEFORE PUBLICATION]

Applications: Go live on-line December 17. You will get an email notifying you, and you can find the link on the CFGNH Website: [https://www.cfgnh.org/leading-on-issues/neighborhood-leadership/apply-for-the-neighborhood-leadership-program](https://www.cfgnh.org/leading-on-issues/neighborhood-leadership/apply-for-the-neighborhood-leadership-program)

Application Deadline: Tuesday January 18, 2022. Noon
Group Interviews: February 8, 9, 6:30-7:30; February 12, 9:30-10:30
Decisions announced: by February 18
First session: Saturday March 5, 2022

What’s required (what you give):
- Time: training, support teams, in between work, pilot project, second round project
- Creative energy: learning, listening, imagining, building, realizing
- Commitment: to yourself, to other participants, to the people you serve, to the city.

What’s offered (what you get):
- Training: new frameworks, new skills, new practices
- Ongoing Connections: to other participants, to your community
- Support for pilot projects: $500+
- Support for second stage projects: up to $2500
- Stipend for expenses of attending trainings

What’s the impact on you (how you change):
- Sense of purpose
- You are not alone
- Supportive accountability
- Design thinking

What’s the impact on your neighborhood and greater New Haven (why this matters):
- Relational connections: resiliency, understanding, resourcing, social change
- Health, safety, prosperity; children, youth, families.
- Collective liberation
- As big as you can imagine