

The James Irvine Foundation **New Leadership Network** launches in 2013, bringing together diverse **San Joaquin Valley** leaders across issues, sectors and generations. Together, this group of individuals will learn, collaborate and build relationships with one another to contribute to a better future for the Valley.

Challenge and Opportunity

While there are well-documented economic, social and educational challenges facing the San Joaquin Valley, there are emerging leaders creating renewed energy and opportunities in the region. They are already making a difference in their industries and issue areas, and yet they also see an opportunity to make a greater difference by working across agencies, organizations and sectors.

As a funder with a long-term commitment to the San Joaquin Valley, we have heard from many local leaders that now is the time to help these creative, resilient leaders work together more effectively. We have created the New Leadership Network to make that opportunity a reality.

The New Leadership Network will:

- Connect talented leaders across sectors, issues and generations
- Spur a deeper understanding of how to collaborate and solve the Valley's biggest challenges
- Share examples of innovative, effective approaches other communities have taken to address similar challenges

New Leadership for the Future

This program differs from other leadership programs in two ways. First, it will include a unique mix of individuals, who are brought together across traditional divides. Second, it will share innovative leadership and social change approaches to help create an enduring network of leaders committed to improving the Valley for decades to come.

New Leaders are:

- From the private, public, and social sectors who are doing great things to improve the community, but don't yet have the network and support to lead broadly
- Boundary crossers who thrive on unlikely alliances and have an innate ability to get things done
- Hungry learners who want to dig deep to understand their community and learn new approaches
- Local champions who are committed to creating an inclusive and sustainable future for the Valley

New Leaders will:

- Join one of three groups of 12 participants who will meet over a period of six months
- Learn and collaborate with their groups through three intensive immersion workshops
- Participate in a study trip to another community
- Actively engage with one another inside and outside the sessions
- Continue to engage as alumni after the program
- Receive small grants for personal leadership development
- Commit to ten days over six months

New Leadership Network Curriculum

A wide variety of approaches will be used, ranging from speakers, readings, videos, experiential workshops, journaling and self-reflection, group activities, and feedback. Participants will strengthen hard and soft leadership skills, but the primary goal of the program is to create a dynamic network of new leadership that will build a stronger San Joaquin Valley.

The first group begins in spring 2013, the second group in the fall and the third group in 2014.

Join us

If you are committed to the future, ready to grow your network and leadership skills, and excited to make an impact far beyond your individual potential, please join us.

Our commitment to you as a member of The James Irvine Foundation New Leadership Network is to provide an innovative program that will strengthen your capabilities as a leader, help you effectively collaborate with diverse groups, and increase your impact in the community.

The Context team of David Sawyer, Heather McLeod Grant and David Ehrlichman will be managing the New Leadership Network. They have extensive backgrounds in social change strategy, leadership development, entrepreneurship and network building in the private, public, and social sectors.

David Sawyer is a strategist who has directed national leadership programs and worked with senior executives and teams from a variety of institutions across all sectors.

Heather McLeod Grant, a Fresno native, recently spent four years helping lead Monitor Institute's social change practice, and is an experienced consultant and trainer who has also worked across all three sectors. She is author of the bestselling book **Forces for Good**, which examines the critical practices of high-impact nonprofits.

David Ehrlichman is an emerging leader and entrepreneur committed to social change who has worked at Monitor Institute and in education. Together they aspire to spark a dynamic network in the San Joaquin Valley and to empower local leaders to reach their full capacity for social impact.

To be considered for the network, please complete the application form and application questions and submit along with your resume. To submit, email your application form, questions and resume to: davide@irvinenewleadershipnetwork.org. **Applications are due March 25, 2013 at 12 p.m.**

Personal information

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FIRST NAME

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LAST NAME

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ORGANIZATION

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TITLE

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STREET ADDRESS

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CITY, STATE, ZIP

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TELEPHONE

Affiliation (check all that apply)

Sector:

PUBLIC

PRIVATE OR BUSINESS

NONPROFIT

Field or Issue:

AGRICULTURE

ARTS AND CULTURE

EDUCATION

ENVIRONMENT

FAITH-BASED

HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE

HIGHER EDUCATION

HOUSING

LAW ENFORCEMENT

MEDIA OR COMMUNICATIONS

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

SOCIAL JUSTICE

TECHNOLOGY

YOUTH

OTHER:

Session

Preferred Session: (Write "1" for your top choice, "2" for your second choice, and "3" for your third choice. If you are unable to participate in one of the cohorts, mark it as an "X." Convening dates for sessions 2 and 3 are estimated and not yet finalized).

SESSION ONE
May 3–5, 2013
June 18–22, 2013
Sept 13–15, 2013

SESSION TWO
October 2013
December 2013
January 2014

SESSION THREE
March 2014
April 2014
June 2014

References

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