

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 will benefit from this world-class program designed to meet their unique needs, within the context of the San Joaquin Valley. Individuals will be selected to join one of three groups of 12 participants who will meet over a period of six months. Each group will learn and collaborate through three intensive immersion workshops including a study trip to another community, and through active engagement with one another inside and outside the sessions. Once participants have completed the program, they will continue to have opportunities to engage as alumni.

The first group begins in spring 2013, the second group in fall 2013, and the third group in 2014. Professional facilitators, speakers and leadership coaches will guide the sessions.

## Who Should Apply?

- Leaders 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

## 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. Apply now at [www.irvinenewleadershipnetwork.org](http://www.irvinenewleadershipnetwork.org).
- If you know someone who would be an asset to the James Irvine Foundation New Leadership Network, please encourage him or her to apply online at [www.irvinenewleadershipnetwork.org](http://www.irvinenewleadershipnetwork.org).
- If you are an established leader who wants more for our region, please be our champion. Watch our progress and embrace the ideas and new leaders who emerge from this program.

## Supporters of the Network

### Funded by the James Irvine Foundation

The mission of The James Irvine Foundation is to expand opportunity for the people of California to participate in a vibrant, successful and inclusive society. We are committed to investing resources and empowering communities to come up with solutions that work locally. We believe that one of the best ways we can support the Valley is to support local leaders working together to improve their region.

### Guided by the Context team

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.