

A WLI EXPERIENCE

"I had a great experience participating in the Westside Leadership Institute! I learned to identify strengths and weaknesses, manage conflict, embrace diversity and much more. Our group became fast friends, had a lot of fun, ate great food, and supported one another in our projects. We also came to know a sincere and caring group of University of Utah instructors and community facilitators.

I now feel empowered and ready to make positive changes in my community because of the WLI. The WLI gave me an opportunity to better myself, my family and my community!"

-Gina Zivkovic



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WESTSIDE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The following paragraphs provide a brief overview of the Westside Leadership Institute (WLI). To find out more please contact Salt Lake Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) at 801-539-1590 or University Neighborhood Partners (UNP) at 801-972-3596.

WLI MISSION

The Westside Leadership Institute (WLI) is a community/University partnership that supports Salt Lake City's Westside residents efforts to take civic action for positive change in their communities. The WLI works to produce reciprocal benefits for University of Utah students, faculty, and community partners.

WLI CLASSES

Westside Leadership Institute classes are held one night a week, from 6:00-9:00 pm. The classes generally begin in March and end in May. WLI classes are held at Neighborhood Housing Services and dinner is provided prior to each WLI session. A graduation session is held on the University of Utah campus at the end of the WLI classes. Graduates are awarded a certificate from the University of Utah and the WLI.

WLI OPERATION

The Westside Leadership Institute uses the Pew Partnership's curriculum *Leadership Plenty* which operates from an understanding that a wealth of capacities exist in every community and that each individual possesses unique skills and abilities that can benefit their community. WLI participants will develop these unique skills with faculty members at the University of Utah who will facilitate discussions about:

- Finding the Leader Within
- Identifying Community Assets
- Managing Groups for Results
- Making Meetings Work
- Managing Conflict
- Building Strategic Community Partnerships
- Moving from Talk to Action
- Managing a Community Project
- Communicating for Change



WLI participants will apply these skills as they work together to plan and implement a project to benefit the community. Finally, each participant will be able to promote a project of personal interest– an opportunity to move a personal interest into community action.

WLI PARTNERS

The Westside Leadership Institute is a project of University Neighborhood Partners, the Center for Public Policy and Administration at the University of Utah, and Salt Lake Neighborhood Housing Services. The WLI classes are taught by volunteer professors from the University of Utah and Westside community leaders.

WLI PARTICIPANTS

Residents living on the Westside of Salt Lake City (west of State Street and between 2100 South and the Davis County line), leaders, or individuals working on the Westside are invited to participate in the Westside Leadership Institute.

WLI REGISTRATION

To register for the WLI contact Salt Lake Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) at 801-539-1590 or University Neighborhood Partners (UNP) at 801-972-3596 for an application form. After you fill out the application form, please mail, fax, or deliver it to NHS offices: 622 West 500 North, SLC, UT 84116. Fax: 801-539-1593. The WLI training costs \$90.00. Applicants may inquire about a scholarship of \$60.00 to subsidize the cost.