Leadership Niagara

2021

Community Application

ACCELERATE
CIVIC LEADERSHIP

LEADERSHIP NIAGARA

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Throughout the Accelerate Civic Leadership+ (ACL+) program, participants gain competencies and skills in a number of areas to encourage civic leadership in Niagara.

The cornerstone of the program is participation in a community project. In small teams of 3-5 people, our LN ACL+ participants collaborate to support a local community not-for-profit organization in addressing a challenge or working on a project the organization has identified.

This learning activity benefits both our participants and the community organizations they work with. Working as a team allows LN ACL+ participants to:

- Apply the learnings from the ACL+ program to a real situation in Niagara to become effective change leaders
- Develop an increased understanding of Niagara's communities, people and sectors
- Collaborate with a diverse group of community leaders
- Develop their personal community leadership acumen
- Gain an understanding of a local not-for-profit organization, learn about its role in supporting the local community, and understand the challenges and opportunities they face.

Community partners are critical to the success of this aspect of the LN ACL+ program. Our participants represent a wide range of organizations in Niagara and come with a variety of skills. They are aspiring leaders who care about their community. Working collaboratively, our project teams can assist your organization in working through a challenge or project. Your organization will collaborate with a network of professionals who will:

- Bring fresh outlooks to your team
- Provide creative ideas for addressing your challenge or project
- Apply expertise from diverse professional backgrounds

Community partners will ideally submit a challenge or project that:

- Will be addressed over a 6-8 month period (participants will begin during November 2021)
- Encourages participants to learn about the organization and community they are assisting

Some examples of past projects are included on our website.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP APPLICATION

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Website: _____

Executive Director/CEO:_____

Email: _____

Primary Contact Person for Project: _____

Position: _____ Email: _____

Your Mission:

Please select which of the following best describes your organization:

☐ Incorporated Charity or Non-profit (with provincial, national or international leadership/support)

☐ Incorporated Charity or Non-profit with local Niagara leadership (without provincial, national or international leadership/ support)

☐ Non-Incorporated Civic Society Organization (local community group)

CHALLENGE/ PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Please provide a brief description of the challenge/project that your organization is facing.

Are there clear deliverables that your organization has in mind with regard to addressing this challenge/project? If so, what are they?

Please provide an explanation of how we will know if the project or initiative is a success: what indicators would identify successful completion of this project? (i.e., submission of application by X date, event execution, etc.) how might we measure the impact of Leadership Niagara's involvement with this initiative?

Why is it important to your organization and/or community to address this challenge?

Is this project linked to any funding or accountability agreements? If so, what are the funder's timelines and/or reporting expectations for this challenge/project?

How does this challenge/project align with the mandate of your organization?

Through facilitating support for this project, describe how the LN ACL+ participants will have opportunities to interact with the following groups in your organization:

Your Board of Directors?

Your staff?

Your Clients?

Your Community?

Please list the skills/ areas of expertise you may be looking for in the members of your project team?

ACL+ LEARNING EXPERIENCE

How will participation in your project help LN ACL+ participants to develop a greater understanding of your organization and its role in addressing issues in the Niagara community?

What opportunities do LN ACL+ participants have to adapt the solution design and decision making?

The Leadership Niagara project timeline is from November to June. Please indicate below any significant events, milestones or deadlines for your organization that might relate to this challenge/project.

Date/Month	Event/Milestone/Deadline
November	*Meet with the ACL+ group to discuss and review project*
June	*Final Presentation of ACL+ group*

ACL+ COMMUNITY PROJECT AGREEMENT

I understand that the information contained in this application will be provided to the participants of the program as part of the selection process.

Initial: _____

I hereby acknowledge that Leadership Niagara cannot guarantee that our Community Project proposal will be selected by the participants of the program.

Initial: _____

By submitting this proposal, I understand and commit to ensuring that the project lead from our agency will be present on November 19th, 2021. Your agency representatives will be expected to be available at a time to be determined for the presentation and networking with the participants.

Initial: _____

Executive Director: _____
Date: _____

Board Chair: _____
Date: _____

Submission deadline: October 8th, 2021

We will contact you to confirm whether your organization's project has been shortlisted to be presented to the participants in November. We look forward to receiving your proposal and encourage you to contact us.

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