




## Strengthen Your Leadership Skills

The ideal candidate is someone who is looking to...

-  **Make a Difference:** Those who have an expressed desire to serve their rural community
-  **Expand Skills:** Those who are working toward cultivating and expanding their leadership skills to advance within their school or personal lives
-  **Get Connected:** Those who would like to get connected to others outside of their present circles

## Help Lead the Change You Want to See



“This is a fantastic course, well worth the time and effort to attend. Given the chance, take this course, you will build relationships, friendships and your community!”

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## Sweet Home Youth Rural Community Leadership Program



## Cultivating Leaders & Helping Communities Thrive



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## #WeAreRural

## What's more inspiring than seeing a community leader flourish and grow?

# Sweet Home Youth Rural Community Leadership Program

The purpose of RDI's Rural Community Leadership (RCL) program is to connect rural residents to one another and to their communities in ways that promote vitality in rural places. We believe that leadership can be an intentional and learned skill, and that anyone, anywhere can grow into a leader.

- Designed for a diverse mix of community members: Typical class consists of about 25–35 individuals of different ages, interests, and walks-of-life. Coupling emerging leaders with seasoned leaders and mentors.
- Interactive and facilitative style rather than lectures; classes draw on the knowledge and skills of those in the room, augmented by short lessons, activities, and class member experience.
- Values of community, diversity, equity, and inclusion woven throughout the experience
- Community-driven, each hub creates a team of local champions to help adapt the curriculum to their needs, recruit and train participants, obtain local funding support, and ensure the ongoing success of leadership development in their community.



## Participation

**Sweet Home youth are invited to join the upcoming Rural Community Leadership Program! Training is free to participants and focuses on developing the community leadership capacity of individuals.**

A typical class consists of about 25-35 youth from 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade. This training is designed to connect many different voices on the challenges and opportunities faced by rural places. Values of diversity, equity, and inclusion are woven throughout the experience.

Each class selects a community project that they work on together which provides participants a unique opportunity to apply the skills being taught by the curriculum to a real-life situation.

## Training Highlights

Training emphasizes an interactive and facilitative style rather than lectures. It draws on the knowledge and skills of those in the room, augmented by short lessons, activities, and class member experience.

- Community Leadership And Change
- Working Across Differences: Personalities, Generations, & Cultures
- Asset And Values-Driven Community Building
- Working Effectively In Groups
- Presentations & Advocacy
- Communication & Conflict
- Group Decision-Making Tools
- Project Prioritization, Planning & Implementation
- Involving Stakeholders & Volunteers

## Schedule

All sessions will be in person with meals provided (lunch or dinner)

- Session 1 Mon. 1/18/21, 9:00am – 3:30pm
- Session 2 Wed. 1/27, 4:00 – 7:30pm
- Session 3 Thur. 1/28, 4:00 – 7:30pm
- Session 4 Wed. 2/3, 4:00 – 7:30pm
- Session 5 Mon. 2/15, 9:00am – 3:30pm
- Session 6 Wed. 2/24, 4:00 – 7:30pm
- Session 7 Wed. 3/17, 4:00 – 7:30pm
- Session 8 Wed. 4/21, 4:00 – 7:30pm
- Session 9 Wed. 5/26, 4:00 – 8:30pm (includes Graduation)

