



Blandin Leadership Programs Welcomes You to Learn More About **Leaders Partnering to End Poverty**

Leaders Partnering to End Poverty (LPEP) is a program that focuses on building leadership capacity in a community to increase opportunities for people to move out of poverty. LPEP is designed for community members who are passionate and committed to this cause and all program activities aim to:

- Deepen understanding of poverty related issues
- Strengthen social capital across economic disparities
- Develop leadership capacities and skills
- Organize a focused community effort to impact poverty related issues

There are seven leadership capacity building sessions as part of the formal training process. They will be connected to community events throughout the year, which will be planned by LPEP participants to engage the community as a whole on the issue of poverty.

Examples of past events include a community picnic, presentations by organization that work with those in poverty and guest speakers whose focus is to educate communities on how to address the issue.

We cover the cost of the program (meals, and training sessions). The participant cost is your time and travel to and from sessions and enabling funds are available if attendance creates a financial hardship. There is a selection process for the Leadership Capacity Building Sessions, but community conversations and events are open to the greater community.

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Possible LPEP Program Schedule

- **October** Community Kick-off Event
Community Conversation
- **November** Leadership Capacity Building Cohort Selection
- **January** Leadership Capacity Building I
- **February** Leadership Capacity Building II
Community Event II
- **March** Community Conversation II
Leadership Capacity Building III
- **April** Leadership Capacity Building IV
- **May** Leadership Capacity Building V
Community Event
- **June** Community Conversation II
Leadership Capacity Building VI
- **July** Leadership Capacity Building VII and Graduation

Examples of **Community Events**: a community picnic, dinner theater or a presentation from an organization that addresses poverty.



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