

Extension helping North Dakota through leadership and civic engagement: A SNAPSHOT

NDSU Extension is working to meet the demand for leadership and civic engagement by helping new and existing leaders build their skills, confidence and willingness to lead through cohort groups and local training sessions. Here are some of those programs:



Lead Local is a training for aspiring, elected and appointed officials to help them feel better prepared to serve as an effective board, council or committee member.



283+ volunteer groups had members participate in Lead Local and become engaged civically in their communities

89% understand their board member tasks

77% feel comfortable handling conflict during a meeting

89% feel prepared to serve on a board, council or committee

Lead Local for Youth and **Civic U** give junior and senior high youth an opportunity to become familiar with civic responsibility, service and parliamentary procedure during day-long programs.



For more information on these and other impacts of the NDSU Extension Service, go to www.ag.ndsu.edu/extension/ccv or contact Lynette Flage at 701.231.7782 or lynette.flage@ndsu.edu.



Rural Leadership North Dakota (RLND) is an 18-month leadership development program designed to

strengthen agriculture, local communities and the state for the future.

\$4 million acquired by participants to complete local projects

19 participants have run for office; three were elected during the last election cycle



Stronger Economies Together (SET)

enhances the capacity of people in rural communities to implement an economic development blueprint that builds on the region's emerging economic strengths. SET has:

- Strengthened **communication and partnerships** between health-care administrations
- Raised **\$60,000+ in scholarship support** for students who will return to the region in a health-related career
- **Initiated critical conversations** regarding local foods and started groundwork to facilitate change for entrepreneurs at a federal level
- Cultivated **civically engaged youth** by encouraging participation in community planning and training them to be effective board, council or committee members
- Created a **unified tourism vision** for the region

(Funded and in collaboration with USDA Rural Development)

North Dakota Leadership by the numbers:

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8,314

North Dakota nonprofit organizations and governmental units requiring people to serve in leadership roles

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1 in 24

people age 18 and older needed to meet the leadership demand