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.

**North Dakota Leadership by the numbers:**

- **8,314** North Dakota nonprofit organizations and governmental units requiring people to serve in leadership roles
- **1 in 24** people age 18 and older needed to meet the leadership demand

**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

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