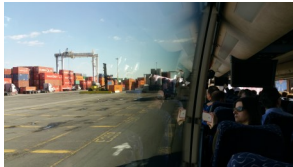




About Lead New Jersey

Lead New Jersey (LNJ) fosters and promotes a robust network of informed and prepared leaders - our LNJ Fellows - who work to make New Jersey a better place to live and work. Through real world leadership training, Seminars with leading professionals, and thought-provoking civic engagement opportunities, LNJ informs, transforms, and empowers, our next generation of leaders from the public, social, and private sectors.

LNJ Fellows spend a year engaged with professionals and thought-leaders across backgrounds, exploring pressing issues from diverse perspectives, crossing boundaries between sectors, and working in a spirit of shared commitment to our future.



"Being an LNJ Fellow allowed me to realize how one person can make a difference and that there are many people in New Jersey who make it their life's mission to help others. Those personal interactions with people from all over New Jersey... motivated me to help make a difference in areas I had a passion for and felt that I could contribute and help change people's lives for the better."

Do you have what it takes to make New Jersey a better place to live and work? Find out at www.leadnj.org.



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Lead New Jersey brings program participants--LNJ Fellows-- together two days a month over the course of a year to explore critical issues and address challenges and opportunities facing New Jersey. Seminar topics include:

- Education
- Government & Politics
- Healthcare & Human Services
- Criminal Justice & Corrections
- Economic & Community Development
- Environmental & Energy Policy

Seminars also focus on the skills and tested approaches that matter most to leading effective organizations. Each session features subject experts, real world leadership exercises and case studies, and lively dialogue across the breadth of perspectives. Site visits at unique locations like Camden schools, a pinelands river, and a state prison, bring home the relevance of our topics to our lives and professions.

New Jersey must continue to develop new cadres of leaders who are conversant in state public policy issues and with the leaders in business, government, and non-profits who are addressing them, if we are to continue to make our State a better place to live and work.

"LNJ gave me a crash course in New Jersey issues, economics, and society, while honing my leadership effectiveness. LNJ has served me to this day."



Fellows who have shared the experience of our seminar program over the last three decades have created a vibrant network of engaged civic leaders. As a Fellow, you gain access to a network of nearly 1500 leaders from New Jersey's most prominent companies, nonprofits, and government agencies, which can help you and your organization succeed in New Jersey. Fellowship and camaraderie are built not only within each class, but across all of the classes. A variety of networking opportunities are available throughout the year, both at LNJ-sponsored events and gatherings at some of the largest convenings in New Jersey, such as the League of Municipalities Conference and the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce's annual "Walk to Washington."

Participating in an LNJ class requires a shared commitment of time, attention, and finances from both the Fellow and his or her employer. However, the benefits reaped by the individual and organization are priceless.

According to a survey commissioned in 2014, Fellows reported that the program had the greatest impact on their network of professional relationships, leadership skill development, interest in advocacy, and network among community and policy leaders. In addition to increased knowledge and awareness of public policy issues, Fellows are not only able to return to their organizations with new knowledge and skills they can begin using immediately to address the challenges they experience on a daily basis, but they can effectively use the new networking opportunities and relationships offered through LNJ.



"Having a shared experience that only a select few have gone through brings together a kinship...a relationship that is unlike others. So it's easier to do business, share passions, and extend a hand to people whom we call Fellows."