

Rural Community Leader's Toolbox

Customized Workshops for Rural Communities

"A community is a group of two or more people who, regardless of the diversity of their backgrounds, have been able to accept and transcend their differences, enabling them to communicate openly and effectively, and to work together toward common goals." - M. Scott Peck

Our Rural Community Leader's Toolbox workshops aim to strengthen the voices and skills of community, resident, and volunteer leaders. The workshops utilize experiential activities, group problem-solving tasks, lectures, and hands-on practice applying the principles of the curriculum to current challenges and opportunities in your community.

Immensely practical and hands-on, Toolbox workshops consist of an array of modules that can be packaged into customized trainings. Offerings include leadership development, community building, and rural economic vitality themes. As a result of this training, you will gain skills such as:

- Group Decision-Making Processes and Tools
- Understanding Personality Types (MBTI)
- Developing Community-Led Strategic Planning Processes
- Ways to Deal with Conflict in Communities
- Developing Projects and Managing Volunteers
- Light, Quick, and Cheap Strategies for Your Downtown
- How to Organize and Train a Local Economic Vitality Team

Workshop Format

Our Toolbox workshops emphasize an interactive and facilitative style and draw on the knowledge and skills of those in the room. Based on your community's interests, RDI will design the curriculum around your goals.

Who Should Attend

This training is designed for a diverse mix of citizens. Each workshop consists of approximately 20 individuals, with leadership experience ranging from emerging to seasoned.

About Us

RDI helps rural communities thrive by cultivating leaders and catalyzing rural vitality. Our work is based upon a genuine commitment to help rural people and communities build rural capacity through Leadership Development programs and strengthen Rural Economic Vitality by moving capacity to action.

Contact Us!

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"All of the RDI staff are involved, fun, and have knowledge to share. I have been involved with various RDI programs for five years and greatly benefit from their training. They make a positive difference in our community by training volunteers to become more effective leaders."

"I am so impressed with [RDI's] skills and intelligence, and their love of community shined through everything they did. The support of RDI has helped me to be a better person, better connected to my communication styles, and a better community leader, community builder, overall."



Examples of Customized Workshops to Fit Your Needs:

- 2-Day Training: Supporting & Retaining Small, Local Businesses
- 4-Day Training: Conflict Resolution & Community Collaboration