



LEADERSHIP GREATER VALLEY 2025

"A leader has the vision and conviction that a dream can be achieved. He inspires the power and energy to get it done."

Ralph Lauren

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

Leadership Greater Valley (LGV) combines leadership skill building with community education. During the eight-week program, participants get a bird's-eye view of the issues facing the community, begin developing the leadership skills necessary to assume leadership roles and are exposed to involvement opportunities in the community. The class is limited to 18 selected individuals – those who will have the personal opportunity to learn from the leaders of many local organizations and associations. Leadership Greater Valley is unlike other programs because it provides a catalyst for community vision and change – it builds a better tomorrow for all of us.

WHAT DOES IT OFFER YOUR COMPANY?

Many employers derive multiple benefits from their investment in Leadership Greater Valley. Often the involvement of their employees in LGV paves the way for future cooperative efforts. This valuable training benefits employers in many ways. Leadership Greater Valley:

- Grooms leaders that contribute to their organizations.
- Provides professional networking opportunities.
- Helps employees develop greater personal vision.
- Offers exposure for companies.
- Reinforces skills and imparts knowledge to participants.
- Improves employees' vision for "big picture" thinking.
- Provides a package of cost-effective, efficient training.
- Provides a return on investment.
- Enhances problem-solving skills.

WHAT DOES IT OFFER THE INDIVIDUAL?

Many graduates find that this training taps something in them that they didn't know was there. Today, they are contributing to vital areas of the community including political roles, business, arts, social services and community civic organizations. Participants will gain from Leadership Greater Valley:

- A far greater understanding and perspective of the community.
- Improved leadership skills.
- Improved decision-making skills.
- A new network of professionals.
- Enhanced confidence.
- Unparalleled learning opportunities.
- A passion to improve our community.
- Instills community trusteeship understanding.

This program format has proven successful in many Connecticut communities. We encourage you to review the program details and see how you might benefit at your workplace as a member of the class. Tuition is only \$525 corporate first person rate; \$425 non-profit and each additional participant from a registered company. Contact us at 203-925-4981 if you have any questions regarding LEADERSHIP GREATER VALLEY.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025.

LGV COURSE OUTLINE

SESSION 1) QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP

At the core of many current leadership models is the concept of change – how to foster and manage it. This hands-on workshop presents models and practices associated with establishing an innovative environment and specific leadership tools to maximize performance levels and the ability to operate as change leaders.

SESSION 2) HISTORY OF THE VALLEY

To understand where we are going, we must first learn where we have been. This session will open your eyes to the reasons why the Valley has played a key role in manufacturing in the United States and how important leaders in our Country's founding were linked to some of the towns in the Valley.

SESSION 3) GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICE

This session will explore the roles and responsibilities of our elected & appointed officials and will engage participants in a discussion on the important issues that are shaping the future of our communities.

SESSION 4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE REGION

What are the forces driving the region's economy? In this session, participants will interact with a diverse mix of private and public sector leaders that are shaping the Valley's economy for the 21st century.

SESSION 5) HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Non-profits...what are they? How do they run? What is their value to the community? What does it really mean to be a volunteer? This session will introduce participants to the Valley's health and human service community and the role of an effective board member.

SESSION 6) MEDIA & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

A 2011 report by the Federal Communications Commission found that local newspapers are the best medium to provide the sort of public service journalism that shines a light on the major issues confronting communities and gives residents the information they need to solve their problems. How have things changed since that study. This session will explore the various aspects of today's media and its impact on yourself and the community.

SESSION 7) INCLUSION AND BELONGING

Inclusion and belonging relate to the actions taken to establish awareness and transform mindsets, behaviors, and practices to create and sustain a diverse, equitable and inclusive culture. In this session you will learn how to power-up your self-awareness and capitalize on the experiences and ideas of others to increase productivity and achieve organizational and community goals.

SESSION 8) COMMENCEMENT

Location to be announced at first session.

****Please note Session Line-up may change due to availability of speakers or locations.***

APPLICATION FORM
LEADERSHIP GREATER VALLEY 2025

YES, I want to further develop my leadership potential and participate in LEADERSHIP GREATER VALLEY.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Company/Organization: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Tuition fee:

\$525.00 (Corporate/first person from company)

\$425.00 (Non-Profit or each additional participant from a registered company)

Please make checks payable to Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce* or we accept:

Master Card Visa American Express

(Please call the Chamber office if you prefer to pay with a credit card.)

Signature: _____

Due to space limitations, the program is limited to 18 participants.

RSVP BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025 TO 203-925-4981

...or fax back this form to 203-925-4984

...or by e-mail to nancie@greatervalleychamber.com

**Be sure to email or fax the application to the Chamber office prior to mailing with check to ensure reservation.*