

Town Administrator

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To: Town Administrator; Pcoffey; Bristol Clerk
Subject: VT Community Leadership Summit - nominate someone to attend for free
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Dear Valerie, Peter, and Jen,

The Vermont Council on Rural Development invites the Selectboard of the Town of Bristol to designate a local leader to participate in the Vermont Community Leadership Summit.

The Vermont Community Leadership Summit – **“Making It Happen” Local Leadership for the Future of Vermont Communities** – will take place on **October 1st** at **Castleton University** (*Save the Date and initial at-a-glance agenda is attached*). Registration will open in mid-August.

Our hope is that you will nominate a community leader from Bristol to attend the Summit – for free! We will have scholarships available for one person from each Vermont town or city who is working to improve their communities and who the Selectboard sees as an established or emerging leader. The registration fee for everyone else will be \$50.

We will be in touch with you in mid-August with registration details for the nominee from your community, but for now, we hope that you will consider who you might nominate. Is there someone that is providing leadership on a community project? A community member who is looking to learn new leadership or organizing skills? A person interested in networking with community leaders in other parts of Vermont to bring ideas back to your community? This person could be a new or experienced leader – a community volunteer, a municipal official, or an energetic young person whom you would like to celebrate and encourage.

For more information about the event, you can visit <https://www.vtrural.org/Summit18> or the event Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/399195823899064/>. And, if you have any questions feel free to contact Margaret McCoy at info@vtrural.org or at 802-223-6091.

Thank you for your leadership and dedication to your community!

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"Making It Happen"

Local Leadership for the Future of Vermont Communities

October 1st 2018 | Castleton University

Join local leaders working to improve life in their communities at the Vermont Community Leadership Summit. The Summit aims to support, encourage, inspire and train leaders with the skills they need to succeed. Participants will learn new skills, address key community issue areas, hear community success stories, and frame new ways Vermont can systematically support community progress.

Summit findings will contribute to a strategic planning process that works to advance opportunities, training, and partnerships to meet the needs of all kinds of leaders; expand leadership engagement in communities; and advance public policies and programs to support the long-term future of community leadership and all it means to the strength of our democracy and vitality of our Vermont communities.

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AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE

- 9:00 Opening Plenary
- 9:30 Panel: Leadership in Service of the Common Good
- 10:30 Break | Leadership Fair
Breaks and Lunchtime will feature tables presenting resources and opportunities from key leadership programs and associations in Vermont.
- 11:00 Breakouts: skills workshops, dialogs, community projects, and success stories *(see topics right)*
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00 Breakouts: skills workshops, dialogs, community projects, and success stories
- 3:15 Break | Leadership Fair
- 3:30 Summit Deliberation: "The Future of Community Leadership!"
8 groups evaluate: "What should be done today to support, encourage, and inspire active and equitable community leadership throughout the state?"
- 4:30 Plenary Conclusions and Action
Each group shares two priorities for action
- 5:00 Adjourn
- 5:00 Reception with Cash Bar
- 5:45 VCRD Community Leadership Award Presentation
- 6:00 Keynote Speaker

Breakout session topics include:

Leadership Skills: Agenda Building & Meeting Management | Inclusive and Empowered Community Engagement | the Art of Public Conversation | Media & Communications | Recruiting & Managing Volunteers | Community Placemaking | Fundraising for Community Projects | Setting Goals & Tracking Success | Running for Public Office

Group Dialogues: Youth Driving Change | Fostering New Leaders in Your Community | Advancing Women in Leadership | Organizing for Young Professionals | Expanding Diversity & Inclusion | Advancing Municipal & School Leadership

Driving Community Projects Forward: Creating Events & Building Community Connection | Advancing Energy Action & the Climate Economy | Engaging the Public in K-12 Education | Strengthening Agriculture & Food Systems | Increasing and Celebrating Diversity in Community Leadership | Revitalizing Buildings & Downtowns | Advancing Outdoor Recreation & Trails | Youth Driving Change: Stories of Leadership & Success

Community Success Stories: The Progress of Rutland | Vernon: Revitalizing the Village Center & Moving Forward under Pressure | Brighton: Recreation Programming & Downtown Revitalization | Bethel: Better Block Revitalization | St. Albans: Economic Development, Business Support & Downtown Revitalization | Craftsbury: Childcare, general store, community connection, & place-making | Winooski: Downtown & Business Development & Fostering Multi-Cultural Connections

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Youth Leaders Diversity and Inclusion Agriculture and Food Systems Outdoor Recreation and Trails



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- Skills Workshops for Community Initiatives
- Community Success Story Panels
- Leadership Resource Fair
- Group Dialogues on the “Future of
Community Leadership in Vermont”

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Education Climate Economy Women in Leadership Economic Development Fundraising Placemaking