"LLC brings together the best minds in leadership development to advance the field. Casting a wide net of philanthropic funders, scholars and practitioners, LLC engages a broad community whose passion is to explore, discover and disseminate knowledge and research about contemporary leadership development. LLC anticipates the future and is a dynamic catalyst capable of creating a link from today’s issues in leadership development to tomorrow’s solutions."

Donna Stark
Vice President, Talent Management and Leadership Development, The Annie E. Casey Foundation
Board Co-chair, Leadership Learning Community

WHO WE ARE

We are a national nonprofit organization focused on improving the way leadership development work is conceived, conducted and evaluated, primarily within the nonprofit sector.

We believe that effective leadership can advance a more just and equitable society. In fact, recent reports show that investments in leadership have resulted in unprecedented achievements over the last couple of years, including:

- A 9% increase in school readiness over a four-year period in Baltimore (data collected by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2005)
- Increased participation in poverty reduction planning (over 12,000 people in 150 rural communities) in MN (data collected by the Northwest Area Foundation)
- A collective effort of 500 reproductive health leaders working to improve the quality of services in five developing countries (data collected by the Leadership Learning Community, 2005)

We combine our expertise in identifying, evaluating and applying cutting-edge ideas and promising practices in the leadership development field with access to our engaged national network of hundreds of experienced funders, consultants and leadership development programs to drive the innovation and collaboration needed to make leadership more effective.

OUR UNIQUE VALUE

We promote innovation, collaboration and application. Check out what some of our members say about LLC:

"Through LLC events I get creativity, innovation, cutting-edge thinking and connections with interesting people."

"I have met many fantastic people through LLC, and thanks to that process several partnerships have emerged – both business and intellectual partnerships."

“LLC has given me a sense of particular application in areas that I wouldn’t otherwise have access to.”
WHAT WE DO

Targeted and Engaged Network
We provide members with unparalleled access to resources and networking opportunities. Our members include a diverse group of funders, practitioners and consultants, all of whom are engaged in leadership development work. We identify emerging ideas and methodologies and host face-to-face and online learning opportunities, such as learning circles, where members are invited to explore new developments in the field. We are committed to documenting, posting and publishing the outcomes of the meetings through our pioneering website and wikis.

We have over 10 learning circles based on location or area of interest. Recent topics range from collective leadership to emergent learning maps and investment frameworks.

Cutting-edge Research
Leadership for a New Era (LNE) is a collaborative research initiative launched in 2009 that seeks to promote a more culturally inclusive leadership model that increases the scale and impact of our work through approaches that are more networked and collective. The dominant model that places a strong emphasis on the individual limits our ability to positively impact change in our society, so we have joined forces with a diverse group of funders, researchers, practitioners and consultants in the leadership development field to shift the current thinking. Our research will focus on the following four areas: Leadership and Race, Leadership and Networks, Collective Leadership and Leadership Across Difference. We will produce a series of practical assessment tools and online resource directories for each area. For more information visit www.leadershipforanewera.org.

Applied Research: Consulting Services
We also offer high-quality consulting services that leverage our unique expertise and network to help foundations and leadership development programs optimize their investment strategies and leadership approaches. We partner with foundations and leadership development programs to help them understand the challenges and opportunities in their area of work, evaluate the impact of their current leadership programs and initiatives, and develop networks that connect program participants and increase the sustainability and influence of their leadership work.

GETTING STARTED
To join our community and start getting access to resources, networking opportunities, and high-impact consulting services, please contact us:
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