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Calling ALL Emerging Leaders!



Applications DUE Friday, June 4th, 2010 for Leadership Development Initiative XVIII

Leadership Development Initiative (LDI), a program of Leadership Pittsburgh Inc., is geared toward top emerging talent within organizations. The LDI program uses a data-driven model of leadership development created by Dr. Robert Kelley of Carnegie Mellon University that outlines strategic approaches to cement the participants' status as STAR performers in their professional and community work. These leadership skills are developed in the context of community awareness and exposure to the benefits and needs of our region

POP UP PITTSBURGH! Up on the Hilltop

This year's Leadership Development Initiative (LDI) class of Leadership Pittsburgh Inc., in partnership with the Hilltop Alliance successfully hosted the 2nd Annual [Pop Up Pittsburgh!](#) on Saturday, May 15th, 2010.

Supported by a \$7000 grant from PPND through our Small & Simple Program, the one-day, free-admission community festival highlighted Pittsburgh's Hilltop neighborhoods and featured a variety of activities for kids and adults. The project engaged local residents, community stakeholders and citizens from all over Pittsburgh and provided an opportunity for attendees to experience and appreciate the Hilltop's current assets and future potential.

Programming for Pop Up Pittsburgh! featured exciting activities around the "superblock" of Warrington Avenue between Arlington and Beltzhoover Avenues - including the [Made It Market](#), sporting events for all ages, face painting, crafts, live music performances, art show, contests for local Pittsburgh artists, food from great Hilltop restaurants and much more.

through sessions and a Community Impact Project.

Click [here](#) for 2010-2011 applications and schedules for the LDI program. For more information, contact info@pinc.org

Thank you, Joseph!

PPND Board and Staff would like to thank our first CMU Heinz School /PPND Fellow, Joseph Dickerson for all of the great work he has done for our organization and for Pittsburgh's communities. Joseph has been part of the PPND family since September 2008 and will soon be starting a new job at Deloitte in Washington, DC.

Joseph, we wish you the best of luck as you begin this new endeavor. Thank you for your commitment to making Pittsburgh's neighborhoods better places to live, work and play.

The new CMU Heinz School/PPND Fellow will start in September, 2010.



WOED Building Community Connections

On Thursday, May 27th, WOED is hosting a film screening and community/civic engagement dialogue and program about revitalizing Pittsburgh's core communities.

The evening will include a short film screening of The New Metropolis, a two-part documentary film series by award-winning producer, Andrea Torrice, about the challenges faced by America's first suburbs: a dwindling tax base, population decline, business



Visit the Hilltop Alliance [website](#) for more information on the Hilltop Alliance, a PPND Champion Neighborhood Grantee and the work they are doing to improve the Southern Hilltop neighborhoods of Pittsburgh.

To read an article from the Pittsburgh Tribune Review on Pop Up! Click [here](#).

Funder's Network Visits Pittsburgh

Coined by the [Funders' Network](#) as the "comeback-kid of America's older industrial cities", Pittsburgh seemed a perfect fit to host the 11th Annual Funders' Network Conference.

"Pittsburgh is a model for foundation leadership and public/private partnerships that have catalyzed and sustained renewal in the environment, the economy, and its people—more than once." -www.fundersnetwork.org

The "United We Sustain" Conference agenda offered a mixture of networking and active learning opportunities and attracted funders from all across the nation to our city and its neighborhoods.

High-level keynote presenters including Ron Sims, Deputy Secretary of HUD, in-depth breakout conversations, local food receptions, and mobile workshops were all part of the two-and-a-half day event. Attendees were able to explore promising practices and opportunities around government partnerships and capacity building related to smart growth, including transportation reform, community development, land conservation, job creation, and economic development, to name a few.

PPND guided a mobile workshop into the Pittsburgh Central and Hilltop Champion Neighborhoods to illustrate how our [Champion Neighborhoods Program](#) has begun to match comprehensive community development strategies and activities to two very different markets.

Other workshops included:

loss, decaying infrastructure and racial tensions.

The film will be followed by a facilitated discussion and civic engagement dialogue series on revitalizing older communities.

Learn more about this event [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, May 26th

[PCRG Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony](#)

Thursday, May 27th

[Building Community Connections Film Screening](#)

Friday, June 11th

[1st Annual PNCIS Conference](#)

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- A tour of East Liberty and Braddock, showcasing each neighborhood as a model for sustainable revitalization
- A Riverfront Renaissance tour that highlighted the transformation of our waterways
- A trip to the rural town of West Newton where the legacies of Pennsylvania's natural resources and the impact they have had on our local economy were presented.

For more information on the Funders' Network visit www.fundersnetwork.org.

Cleveland+Youngstown+Pittsburgh Hosts 2nd Regional Learning Network Conference



The [Regional Learning Network](#) (RLN) is a group of community and economic development leaders and professionals from Cleveland, Youngstown and Pittsburgh who have come together to learn from national experts as well as each other through conferences and learning exchanges among staff.

These three cities have collectively faced population decline, job losses, vacancies and foreclosures. Nonetheless or perhaps due to these very impacts, they are creatively at the forefront of designing new futures through the development of new industries, innovative housing programs, creative land uses and emerging green and sustainability strategies.

On May 21st, the RLN hosted its second conference, ["Rebuilding the Cities that Built America"](#) in Youngstown, Ohio. This conference provided an opportunity for these three cities to explore common concerns, share best practices and identify opportunities for collaboration in community development. Attendees will be able to participate in sessions and conversations around and initiatives including:

- Land Acquisition Strategies
- Local and Rail Transit
- Strategies for Creating Greener, Sustainable Cities

- Community Organizing

This event was sponsored by [Dominion](#) along with [PPND](#), [Dollar Bank](#), [Neighborhood Progress Inc.](#), [Mahoning Valley Organizing Collaboration](#) and the [Raymond John Wean Foundation](#).

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