

**NOTE:** This is a group application. Please fill it out together with your application partner. If you require more space, please attach additional pages to your application. Please remember to save often. The PDF will not automatically save.

**Group Participant #1:**

Name:

Email:

Address:

Phone:

**Group Participant #2:**

Name:

Email:

Address:

Phone:

**Please list the neighbourhood you and your partner reside in:**

**Please list the neighbourhood your idea applies to:**

**What makes you passionate about your chosen neighbourhood?**

**Describe your idea and/or project that you will be working on if accepted into the NLI. Please indicate the status of your project in terms of its development.** *(Example: We bring small groups of neighborhood kids together to learn about mediation. The issue of youth violence is important to us because of the escalating violence between children with little positive parental guidance in our chosen neighborhood. We have been involved with this project for the past two years, and are planning to expand the project to reach more children.)*

**Why do you think the NLI is a good place to help you grow your idea?**

**What does leadership mean to you?**

**Please list three leadership qualities you admire:**

**Please list two areas you hope to grow your skills through your involvement in the NLI.**

**How did you become aware of the NLI?**

**How can we get in touch with your reference? Either attach a written reference with your application, or provide contact details here.**

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**Do you have an idea that will benefit your  
neighbourhood?**

**Would you like to develop the skills that can help you  
move your idea forward?**

Starting in February 2016 the Neighbourhood Leadership Institute will offer a 10-week course open to residents in neighbourhoods across Hamilton. Sessions will run on Saturdays. Training is free. It is available to local residents who are dedicated to working with others to make change in their community.

Throughout the training, you will:

- Develop your leadership skills in areas such as: project management, conflict resolution, communication, grant writing, public speaking, working with others, self-advocacy, leading teams
- Grow your skills and talents by working with others to manage the development of your idea into a project you can later put into action in your neighbourhood
- Share what you learn as a way to build new connections to support your community work, and employment/educational goals
- Explore Hamilton and the work of other neighbourhoods in the city

By the end of the training, you will:

- Develop your idea into a fully formed project plan that can be applied in your neighbourhood

- Become eligible to apply for up to a \$500 small grant to support your project
- Be eligible for a college-level course credit
- Complete a portfolio that tracks what you learned and your accomplishments, as well as help you set goals and reflect on where you want to go next

To apply, you must:

- Be an adult who either has been engaged, is currently engaged or just started to be engaged in your neighbourhood
- Submit a joint application with your project partner, who supports the project idea and wants to work with you on it throughout the 10-week course
- Complete an in-person interview with your project partner and staff members of the NLI
- Provide at least one reference from a community partner, service provider, Community Developer or Neighbourhood Planning Team Executive member who supports your project idea
- Be able to commit to attending at least eight of the 10 learning sessions on Saturdays, starting at the end of February (lunch, transportation and childcare will be provided). Sessions will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Application Instructions

Complete the application form. If you have questions or are not sure who to partner with, please contact the Community Developer in your neighbourhood or the NLI. We are here to help!

**Applications are posted at:**

[www.hamiltoncommunityfoundation.ca](http://www.hamiltoncommunityfoundation.ca)

**Completed applications can be emailed to:**

**nli@hamiltoncommunityfoundation.ca or can be delivered to the Hamilton Community Foundation office located at:**

Hamilton Community Foundation  
120 King Street West, Suite 700  
Hamilton, Ontario L8P 4V2

Applications must be received by **January 15, 2016**.

## Evaluation Criteria:

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- A demonstrated degree of dedication to supporting Hamilton's neighborhoods
- A clear indication of passion for an existing community project or idea
- A willingness to learn and an openness to further developing leadership skills

**If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Glen or Shahad Al-Saqqar at [nli@hamiltoncommunityfoundation.ca](mailto:nli@hamiltoncommunityfoundation.ca)**

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