

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.

Group Participant #1:

Name:

Age:

Email:

Address:

Phone:

Group Participant #2:

Name:

Age:

Email:

Address:

Phone:

Please list the neighbourhood(s) you and your partner reside in:

Partner 1:

Partner 2:

Please list the neighbourhood(s) your idea applies to:

Describe your idea, project or goal 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 neighbourhood 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 neighbourhood. We have been involved with this project for the past two years, and are planning to expand the project to reach more children.*)

What makes you passionate about your chosen idea, project or goal?

Partner 1:

Partner 2:

Describe a situation where an idea, project or goal you have been working on did not work out as planned. What did you do about it?

Partner 1:

Partner 2:

Why do you think the NLI is a good place to help you grow your idea, project or goal?

Partner 1:

Partner 2:

What does leadership mean to you?

Partner 1:

Partner 2:

We live in diverse communities with people from different social, cultural, economic and faith backgrounds. How do you work with others who are different from you?

Partner 1:

Partner 2:

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

Partner 1:

Partner 2:

How did you become aware of the NLI?

Leadership is about sharing ideas and working together. How can we get in touch with someone who supports your NLI idea, project or goal? Please provide your reference's contact information.

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 2017 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 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 week course
- Complete an in-person conversation 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, or someone else 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

There are two parts to the application process:

1. Complete the paper application by **January 13, 2017**
2. As a project pair, complete an in person conversation with the NLI staff members.

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

Completed application forms should be delivered to the Hamilton Community Foundation office located at:

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

Evaluation Criteria:

Application packages will be evaluated based on:

- A demonstrated degree of dedication to supporting Hamilton's neighbourhoods
- A clear indication of passion for an existing community project or idea
- A willingness to learn and an openness to further developing leadership skills with others
- An openness to the idea that community leadership starts with exploring self

If you have any questions, please contact Shahad Al-Saqqar at nli@hamiltoncommunityfoundation.ca

The Neighbourhood Leadership Institute (NLI) is a joint initiative by the Hamilton Community Foundation and the City of Hamilton's Neighbourhood Action Strategy.