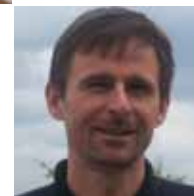
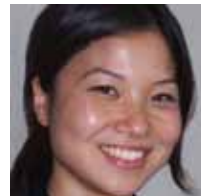




# LeadershipTompkins

a community leadership development program

## Leadership Tompkins – Community Leadership Resource



The Leadership Tompkins program serves three critical functions for community leadership development in Tompkins County:

- educates future leaders about the civic issues facing our county
- trains future leaders in skills critical to their success in the community
- provides a forum for networking between current and future leaders

Leadership Tompkins assembles a diverse group of local citizens who want to develop their leadership skills and improve their community.

Participants forge strong bonds and learn to approach challenges creatively using their collective talents and experience.

### Tuition

Tuition includes all full-day sessions and materials, the retreat, and a graduation dinner celebration. This fee may be paid by the sponsoring business or organization, the participant, or a combination of the two. A limited number of partial scholarships is available.

*“Leadership Tompkins opened my eyes to an amazing number of people and organizations that help this community make it as great as it is. It helped build business connections that still help me to this day”*

Jodie LaPierre  
Visitors Center  
Ithaca & TC CVB



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# Leadership Tompkins – Making a Difference in Our Community

**Whether it's serving on a board, holding an elected position, or mentoring a child, Leadership Tompkins graduates truly contribute to our community.**

## **Program Format**

The program is comprised of three elements: a two-day kickoff retreat, full-day monthly sessions, and a community action project. Attendance and completion of all elements is a requirement for program graduation.

## **A Year of Challenges to Build Your Skills**

Be one of the dynamic citizens selected to join Leadership Tompkins this year.

During monthly sessions you meet with business and community leaders to examine issues and resources of critical importance to Tompkins County.

Skill building sessions will help you advance in your career and your community work. Site visits, group discussions, and hands-on applications allow for active engagement. With more than 400 graduates, Leadership Tompkins gives you access to an extraordinary network of area leaders committed to the welfare of our county.

## **Who Should Attend**

Leadership Tompkins is designed for individuals who want to become well-connected in the community in which they work or live, and who wish to give back to the community. Participants have management experience in their work history or community pursuits, plus volunteer experience.

Visit [www.leadershiptompkins.org](http://www.leadershiptompkins.org) for complete information.

## **Retreat**

The retreat quickly transforms the newly assembled group into a team and provides the basic knowledge needed to succeed in Leadership Tompkins. During the retreat, participants will focus on getting to know themselves as leaders and learn about the business community resources within the group.

## **Monthly Sessions and Activities**

Full-day meetings are held once a month from October through June. Activities include interviews with business leaders, research on community issues, tours, and experiential exercises. Topics include leadership best practices, economic development, board service, education, local government and others. For details visit [www.leadershiptompkins.org](http://www.leadershiptompkins.org).

## **Community Action Project**

A key element of our programs is the Community Action Project (CAP), which gives small groups of participants a chance to begin making a difference in the community right away, while developing an appreciation of the work required to bring an idea to fruition. For details visit [www.leadershiptompkins.org](http://www.leadershiptompkins.org).

"Ithaca is an extraordinary community with a diverse group of community leaders from all areas including non-profit agencies, small business entrepreneurs, government entities, Fortune 500 companies, and higher education. You'll find that many of our leaders are graduates of Leadership Tompkins. The benefits of the program are twofold – participants learn important leadership skills and at the same time get introduced to community leaders.

"I am also a graduate of Leadership Tompkins, and as a representative of M&T Bank I can attest to our continued commitment to this program. We encourage and cultivate employees to be engaged in the communities in which they live and work, and the benefits we've seen over the years from our employees that have participated in the program have been outstanding."

Howard Hartnett  
M&T Bank

