

What is Leadership Monadnock?

Leadership Monadnock is an annual professional development program and the cornerstone of the Chamber's commitment to develop community leaders for the 21st century.

Participants are emerging leaders who will engage with others in the community to bring diversity and vitality and learn about the challenges and opportunities of the Monadnock region and to our state. The ideas, strategies, and contributions of Leadership Monadnock graduates shape the future of our region and enhance the quality of life in our unique part of New Hampshire.

The program, founded in 1997, has graduated nearly 400 participants from the public, private, and non-profit sectors of our region.

Mission

Leadership Monadnock promotes the development of emerging community leaders by:

- Exploring regional issues
- Fostering involvement
- Encouraging action and commitment
- Challenging each participant's overall perspective

What previous participants say about Leadership Monadnock...

"Leadership Monadnock provided an extremely interactive forum within which I met leaders from social, cultural, political, environmental and educational organizations throughout the region. We participated in dialogue around the challenges and opportunities they face every day. I also learned much from the experience and perspectives of the rest of our 2017-18 cohort. This was a great way to open doors and opportunities for engaging in program and policy work at the local and regional level." ~Nancy DuBosque, Small Business Development Center, LM Class of 2018

"Leadership Monadnock opened my eyes to what the community has to offer and showed me how to get involved. It was a pivotal educational experience at the start of my career for the City of Keene. I recommend this program to anyone who wants to learn more about our area, expand their network and get involved in our community." ~Meghan Spaulding, City of Keene, LM Class of 2014

"As someone who was new to working and living in Keene and the region, Leadership Monadnock was crucial in providing me with the necessary background of the area, and a thorough introduction into the issues that are facing the region. The facilitator fostered an environment of sharing and inclusion, and the guest speakers continuously proved why they were considered experts in their related fields." ~Eric V. Weisenberger, The Colonial Theatre, LM Class of 2013



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A Community Program of the Greater Keene Chamber of Commerce



Vision



Innovation



Teamwork

**Developing Leaders
Shaping the Future**





How does the program work?

Leadership Monadnock is an intensive nine-month program beginning in October and ending in June. Full-day meetings take place once a month with each session designed to immerse participants in the critical issues that drive the dynamic nature of our regional economy and quality of life.

Each session is structured to present multiple aspects of an issue through presentations by industry experts, group discussions, workshops, field trips, and other experiences. Participants have access to community leaders who are experts in their respective fields.

What is the time commitment?

Attendance is required at nine full-day sessions (8 hours per month).

Leadership Monadnock classes will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 8 am to 4 pm.

- Oct: Retreat and Orientation
- Nov: Region History, Natural Environment & Conservation
- Dec: Criminal Justice & Public Safety
- Jan: Politics & Government
- Feb: Education
- Mar: Economic Development
- Apr: Health & Wellness
- May: Culture & Communication
- Jun: Human Services & Graduation

What can I expect to gain from the program?

Through the Leadership Monadnock program, you'll be able to:

- Identify and examine key local and regional issues from a variety of perspectives
- Gain knowledge and exposure to a range of community organizations and opportunities for involvement and impact
- Observe and understand leadership styles and utilize your skills to enhance your effectiveness as a leader
- Discover opportunities for active participation and leadership in your workplace and community
- Develop and grow professional relationships -- your own network!

Who should apply?

Class participants include current and future leaders representing business, government, education, civic groups, social services, the arts, the religious community and other organizations in the region.

Approximately 20-25 community members are selected on the following criteria:

- Commitment to professional development and demonstrated success in current professional role
- Desire for community involvement and concern for regional issues
- Interest in visionary leadership
- Willingness to commit the time and energy necessary to complete the program

What does the program cost?

Leadership Monadnock tuition is \$925, which covers the cost of all materials and meals. The total fee will be billed and is due upon acceptance into the program. Payment plans can also be arranged. Financial aid may be available for a limited number of individuals.

How do I apply?

To receive an application, call Leadership Monadnock at the Greater Keene Chamber of Commerce 603-352-1303, download an application at keenechamber.com or email leadershipmonadnock@keenechamber.com. The application deadline is late September.

Mail or drop off completed applications to:
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