



2024 Course Program

IN TODAY'S WORLD, every county needs a group of community-oriented leaders that have the ability, motivation, and foresight to seize beneficial opportunities for our hometown and its residents. With Greene County's rich network of for-profit businesses and nonprofit organizations, there are many recreational, cultural, and civic leadership opportunities. Inspire Greene – a Community Builder and Leadership Course – combines an understanding of board governance principals with active leadership experiences to bring like-minded individuals together for truly bold results.

THE GOAL OF Inspire Greene is to:

- **Educate** – Participants will cultivate their understanding of Greene County and become familiar with key people, organizations, and challenges within our area.
 - **Collaborate** – Class members will learn to appreciate and acknowledge the various perspectives and contexts of their fellow leaders and find common ground for strengthening Greene County.
 - **Serve** – Participants will develop an ethic of service that will take them beyond personal interests to tangibly engaging in volunteerism and community involvement.
 - **Exemplify** – Class members will model community-focused leadership, causing others to aspire to the same standards, while also establishing a network of relationships that will enrich both their personal and professional lives.
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Inspire Greene Steering Committee

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Job Developer at Southwest Training Services, Retired / 2017 Community Builder of the Year

Dave Calvario

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Inspire Greene Award Recipient 2023

Stacy Stroman

Director at Blueprints / 2009 Community Builder of the Year

Barb Wise

Executive Director at Greene County United Way, Retired / 2004 Community Builder of the Year

Introduction to Inspire Greene - Networking Event

February 26, 2024 / Thistlethwaite's Vineyard

Participants will briefly review the course breakdown as well as have an opportunity to network with classmates, session presenters, and the Inspire Greene Steering Committee.

Community: The State of Greene County

March 4, 2024 / Prompt Quality Painting Meeting Room

This session will discuss the current state of our community and what the future holds for Greene County.

- *Presenters: Eric Cowden (State Senator Bartolotta's Office), Jeremy Kelly (Greene County Office of Planning & Development), Chuck Trump (First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Greene County), Jonathan Johnson (The Way Community Center of Greene County)*

Community/Nonprofit: Community Impact Project – Growing Up Greene

March 11, 2024 / Growing Up Greene

The class will visit a local nonprofit to learn about an organizational challenge it is currently facing. Participants will be split into teams to research and propose creative solutions. This experience will give a better understanding of our community and its needs, as well as an appreciation of leadership involvement.

- *Presenters: Aaron Houser*

Nonprofits: Board Service 101

March 18, 2024 / Blueprints - Greene St Office

This session will define what a nonprofit is and how they work, including governance expectations, and how active leadership can drive awareness to a thriving organization.

- *Presenters: Jeff Fondelier (Blueprints), Joshua Dains (Milinovich & Co., Inc.)*

Nonprofit: Understanding Legal Factors

March 25, 2024 / Eva K. Bowlby Library

This session will review the ins and outs of running a nonprofit organization and how board leadership fits into the big picture as well as the day-to-day details.

- *Presenters: Jessica Phillips (Phillips & Ross, LLC), Lisa Petro (Cornerstone Care)*

Nonprofit: Developing Fundamental Resources - Panel

April 1, 2024 / Hampton Inn

This panel session will allow participants to ask questions about different types of nonprofit resources, including grants, fundraisers, individual giving, corporate giving, and volunteerism.

- *Presenters: Ellen Rossi (EQT Foundation), Melody Longstreth (Greene County PA Chamber of Commerce), Dave Floyd (Waynesburg University), Adrienne Tharp (Waynesburg University), Heidi Jamison (Iron Senergy), Jeremy Rafferty (Iron Senergy)*

Community: Small Business in Rural USA - Round Table Discussion

April 8, 2024 / Lumber Ladies

This session will provide participants an inside look at running a successful business in a small town – the ups and the downs - and what its like to be seen as an entrepreneur AND leader in our community.

- *Presenters: Ben McMillian (RGB Coffee Shop), Allen Frye (Prompt Quality Painting), Pam Marisa (Direct Results), Gretchen Brandstetter (Lumber Ladies), Kim Coles (Lumber Ladies)*

Community: Foundations of Leadership

April 15, 2024 / Location TBD

This session will discuss how interpersonal skills can help you inspire, engage, and motivate those around you, including board / committee members, employees, and the community at large. Learn to lead by example.

- *Presenters: Jack Burt (Retired, Southwest Training Services), Doug Wilson (WANB, Waynesburg University), Jonathan Johnson (MSW/LCSW)*

Community/Nonprofit: Community Impact Presentations

April 22, 2024 / Community Foundation of Greene County

During this session, each team will have approximately 20-25 minutes to present its creative solution to Blueprints' challenge. Presentations will include a comprehensive solution packet, which will be given to all attendees as well as the Blueprints leadership.

Inspire Greene Awards Ceremony

April 29, 2024 / The Denny House

Participants will be recognized for their completion of the course. Guests are welcome. Dinner and refreshments will be provided.

Session Dates:

- Monday, February 26 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- Monday, March 4 from 5:30 - 8:00 pm
- Monday, March 11 from 5:30 - 8:00 pm
- Monday, March 18 from 5:30 - 8:00 pm
- Monday, March 25 from 5:30 - 8:00 pm
- Monday, April 1 from 5:30 - 8:00 pm
- Monday, April 8 from 5:30 - 8:00 pm
- Monday, April 15 from 5:30 - 8:00 pm
- Monday, April 22 from 5:30 - 8:00 pm
- Monday, April 29 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Course Participation Policy:

Participants of Inspire Greene are expected to attend and fully participate in all sessions in their entirety. Because there are only 10 sessions, it is recommended that participants miss no more than two sessions. However, we recognize that there may be times when participants are unable to attend do to illness or emergencies. During those times, a zoom link will be provided to the participant, if appropriate.

Presenters:

Session speakers are tentative and are subject to change.

Pricing:

The cost of the program is \$300 per person. This can be paid by an individual or business or a combination of the two. The fee includes 10 presentations, course materials (print and digital), dinner, snacks, and refreshments.

Scholarships:

Thanks to the generosity of EQT and Waynesburg University's Corporate Social Responsibility and ESG Center, scholarships are available. If you are in need of a scholarship, please contact MaChal Forbes at mforbes@greencountyunitedway.org or 724-852-1009 for more information.

Application:

Due to space limitations, Inspire Greene's 2024 course can accommodate a maximum of 16 people. To apply for Inspire Greene, please visit www.greencountyunitedway.org/inspiregreene2023application.

Additional Questions:

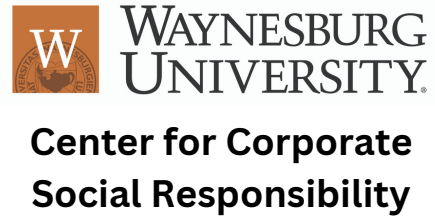
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