



## 6 reasons to take part

1. Participants gain transferrable skills, such as improved communication, listening, and team building, that they can take back to work and start applying immediately.
2. Participants develop and hone their project management skills over the course of nine months working on a team project that benefits the community.
3. Participants sharpen their critical thinking skills to become a better organizational decision maker.
4. Participants learn to examine issues through a lens of justice, equity, diversity and inclusion, which contributes to a more inclusive workplace, both internally and outward facing for customers, clients and stakeholders.
5. Participants grow their professional network within their cohort as well as through the Leadership Skagit Alumni Network of more than 500 graduates.
6. Leadership Skagit has been educating leaders for 20 years and has accolades from Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group as volunteers of the year in 2020, the Brigid Collins Community Leadership Award, the Governor's Leadership Award and the Washington State University Hall of Champions Award.

Here's what one community leader has to say about Leadership Skagit:

Since the dawn of Leadership Skagit, Community Action is proud that we never have missed a year of sending at least one staff member to Leadership Skagit – and sometimes more than one, and sometimes a board member too. We know our organization's mission has benefited by the blossoming of this amazing group of leader-full people in our midst. How gratifying it has been to watch our team grow their leadership skills, voice, confidence, connections, networks, understanding, and even love for this special community we live and work in. So much good has come from this that it truly is impossible to track that difference it has made for us as an organization, and individually as professionals and community members.

**- Bill Henkel, Executive Director, Community Action of Skagit County**

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