

# Invitation to Rural Activists and Community Builders

RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEGREE OPTION - INSTITUTE IN CALIFORNIA THIS SPRING

*Join the RDLN Network*



*You are already a leader if you are working in community development. Here is a chance to:*

*Invest in yourself and your community at the same time,*

*Become part of a national multicultural network for social change,*

*Earn a community-based, learner-centered academic degree*

The mission of the Rural Development Leadership Network is to support community-based development in poor rural areas through hands-on projects, education, leadership development, and networking. Community leaders strengthen practical skills, knowledge and credentials while remaining involved in their community development work.

Qualified participants may earn a certificate or an academic degree (generally a master's) by:

- 1) implementing a practical field project in their community,
- 2) pursuing related independent study, and
- 3) participating in our month-long Rural Development Institute at the University of California

Leaders are mentored by a team of field and study advisors and work under the umbrella of a Sponsoring Organization, which also contributes financially to RDLN. We will discuss possible sources for these funds. The amount ranges from approximately \$7,500 to \$25,000 for the certificate or M.A. through Antioch University Midwest's fully accredited non-campus-based program. (We are willing to work with schools for B.A. and PhD also.) The fee for participation in the Institute alone is \$4,000.

**Deadline for Applications: Contact us Immediately - Deadline Extended to December 1, 2013** Among those who have participated (and their Sponsoring Organizations) are: Michelle Cole Barnes (Cole Evangelistic Ministries), Trina Cunningham (Maidu Summit Group), Karen Derry (Karuk Community Development Corporation), Cynthia Ellis (Agricultural Missions/Belize Rural Women's Association), Meredith Dean (Appalachian People's Service Organization), Humberto Fuentes (Idaho Migrant Council), Yolanda Garibay (Big Valley Rancheria), Nancy (Warneke) Gaynor (Salish Community College), Scherri Greene (ONABEN), Jack Guillebeaux (FOCAL), Yvonne Hampton (Federation of Southern Cooperatives), Linda Maria Hedstrom (Rural Communities Housing Development Corporation), Sarah Hidalgo-Cook (Community Council of Southwest Texas), Rose Hill (Coalition of Alabamians Reforming Education), Anna Wright Huff (Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center), Tony Jack (Big Valley Rancheria), NKwanda Jah (Central Florida Community Action Agency), C.J. Jones (Mendenhall Ministries), Carol Judy (Woodland Community Land Trust), Birgil Kills Straight (First Nations Financial Project), Suzanne Kinkade (Salish Kootenai College), Winona LaDuke (Seventh Generation Fund), Michele Lansdowne (Salish Kootenai College), Anita LaRan (Helping Hands/La Jicarita Enterprise Community), Naida Lefthand (Ktunaxa Community Development Corporation), Zana MacDonald (Blackfeet Community College), Angie Main (Native American Development Corporation), Maria Moreira (Heifer Project), Tirso Moreno (Florida Farmworkers Association), Julie Moss (Cherokee Nation), Shirley Ortega (Saguache County Community Council), Alice Paris (Federation of Southern Cooperatives), Euneika Rogers-Sipp (Black Freedmen's Living Historical Farm for Children), Marilyn Savage (Gwandak Broadcasting Corporation), Shirley Sherrod (Federation of Southern Cooperatives), Kathy (Murray) Supernaw (Delaware Tribe of Western Oklahoma), Ben Tafoya (Rio Grande Center), Chukou Thao (National Hmong-American Farmers), Mily Treviño-Sauceda (CA Rural Legal Assistance/CRLA Foundation), Arlene Valdez (Ganados del Valle), Shoua Vang (Hmong Highlander Development Fund/Indo-China Resource Action Center), Lillie Webb (Center for Community Development), Gayle Zepeda (Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority).

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