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Community inspired to transform Tasmania's West

Members of the West Coast community are being empowered to positively influence their region's future through a new immersive learning opportunity.

Leading Change in the West is a program being offered on the ground by Tasmanian Leaders Inc with the University of Tasmania's support.

It has been designed to provide participants with the skills and confidence to become the next wave of leaders capable of transforming the region.

The development builds on a partnership between the University and West Coast community, aimed at promoting social, economic and cultural prosperity.

Cradle Coast campus General Manager Danielle Kidd encouraged residents passionate about their region to consider applying for the program.

"The program will encourage participants to start thinking strategically about long-lasting change while allowing them to develop a skill set to help lead it," Ms Kidd said.

"It is the next step in the University's West Coast Education Project which has already supported the establishment of a Regional Study Hub in Zeehan, a new Alumni and Friends network and the introduction of Children's University to local schools.

"The people of the West Coast told us they want access to more professional development opportunities where they can work together as a community to address issues affecting the region. This is a program that will help promote that."

Leading Change in the West will be delivered over 2.5 days in Queenstown, with accommodation provided.

Participants will explore local issues through site tours and take part in facilitator-led workshops that incorporate industry expertise.

Working in teams, they will engage in a design-thinking process enabling them to brainstorm and deliver a project that will positively benefit the region.

The program will culminate in a formal presentation event allowing each group to share their learnings and outcomes.

Rob Woolley, Chair of Tasmanian Leaders, said the organisation was committed to cultivating leadership and connectivity across Tasmania.

“We are proud to be bringing this compact leadership program, designed to meet the specific needs of the West Coast community, to the region later this year,” Mr Woolley said.

Angela Driver, General Manager of Tasmanian Leaders, is a key facilitator of the program and is excited by its design.

“This highly-experiential program has been designed with significant input from West Coast residents,” Ms Driver said.

“We think the local focus will ensure participants learn about their community while providing the opportunity for them to fast-track their leadership vision and impact.”

The first intake of Leading Change in the West participants will attend sessions between 28–30 November, with a final gathering taking place on 26 February.

For more information and to apply visit: www.tasmanianleaders.org.au

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