CREATING WHOLE COMMUNITIES
A PARTNERSHIP OF UMSL, MU EXTENSION AND OUR REGION’S NEIGHBORHOODS

OneSTL Leadership Network Meeting
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Creating Whole Communities (CWC) connects UMSL faculty and students with MU Extension specialists and community leaders to examine important community issues through rigorous research. Findings inform program and policy development.

Partners include:
- Community-building nonprofits
- Business leaders
- Practitioners
- Policy makers
- Citizen groups

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Capacity Building & Leadership Development

Creating Whole Communities brings together the training and technical assistance expertise of MU Extension and the University of Missouri–St. Louis to support knowledge and skill building efforts with community development practitioners, leaders, and residents.

CWC supports organizational capacity building and leadership development through:

- Leadership trainings
- Resource guides and toolkits
- Skill-building workshops
- Networking opportunities among alumni and partners

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Neighborhood Leadership Academy
Class of 2013
Join a community of neighborhood leaders

Neighborhood Leadership Academy
Class of 2017 coming up!

Registration begins January 2

http://cwc.umsl.edu/nla/
Civic Dialogue

Creating Whole Communities promotes civic dialogue that addresses how neighborhoods matter in people's lives, what we can do to build stronger communities, and how local communities can be linked to opportunities in the region.

CWC creates space for regional conversation through
• forums
• presentations
• connecting people to media coverage
• sharing research findings with media partners
• local conference support

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**What’s Brewing?**
Exploring Issues, Opportunities & Connections for St. Louis Area Neighborhoods

Why have some St. Louis communities rebounded, while others have remained stagnant or continued to decline? What strategies and strengths have made the difference?

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Standing room only in Hyde Park at Sun Café!
Revitalizing Older Industrial Cities: Lessons from Europe

Race, Education, & Place
Collaboration Considerations

- Identify and define network + strengths of each component
  - Competencies + Resources
- Define common issue that drives action
- Conduct network gap analysis
- Engage community stakeholders in all planning and project stages
- Build relationships (ongoing)
- Create win-win processes and outcomes
- Create common language
- Design multi-sector solutions
- Develop cross-organizational management plan
  - include decision-making process
- Identify necessary evaluation metrics
- Create storytelling plan
- Develop plan to sustain network connections
- Celebrate progress and milestones!
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