

WHAT'S YOUR BETTERWORLD ISSUE? LEADERSHIP



**Ma muaka kite a muri
Ma muri ka ora a mua**

*(Those who lead give sight to those who follow
Those who follow give life to those who lead)*

-- Pauline Tangiora (Maori Elder)

"I start with the premise that the function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers."

-- Ralph Nader

Effective leadership is one of the most crucial elements for successfully completing any group project or activity. A good leader can help bring a diverse group of people together and help them to work effectively for a shared vision and goal.

At one time or another, everyone chooses or is asked to be a leader. With training and understanding, we can all be better leaders when we are called to be in a leadership position.

Leadership week (observed during the first week in February) is an opportunity to learn skills and tools for being effective leaders. These skills will help us throughout our lives, whether we're called to be leaders in our families, a group, at work, in our communities, or as the leader of a movement.

Leadership Week is also a time to remind our elected officials that in a democracy, leaders are not supposed to be guided by their own vested interests, but are supposed to serve the people they lead.

"Leadership has a harder job to do than just choose sides. It must bring sides together."

-- Jesse Jackson

"Whether our task is fighting poverty, stemming the spread of disease or saving innocent lives from mass murder, we have seen that we cannot succeed without the leadership of the strong and the engagement of all."

-- Kofi Annan

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1. Take a leadership training program
2. Find something you are passionate about, get involved, and work up to a leadership role
3. Support organizations that do leadership training or that hold our elected leaders accountable

Leadership Links

- Center for Visionary Leadership (visionarylead.org)
- Hollyhock Leadership Institute (hollyhockleadership.org)
- National Youth Leadership Council (nylc.org)
- Points of Light Youth Leadership Inst. (pyli.org)
- YouthLeadership.com
- Youth Leadership Initiative (youthleadership.net)
- Youth Leadership Institute (yli.org)

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