

2012 NACDEP Conference

Outline: Local Government Extension Training: Democracy Promotion for Officials and Citizens

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- Part 1. Introduction to Local Government Extension Training Programming
 - a. Introduce Session
 - b. History of LGET
 - c. Introductions from members/workshop attendees
 - d. Brief examples from select states
 - i. Discussion of training, research and technical assistance programming
 - e. *Participant Share*
 - i. Examples in your state
 - ii. Need and demand based on professional experience or knowledge

Betsy / Janelle

- Part 2. The Local Government Extension Training (LGET) Initiative
 - a. Current membership (pass out member list)
 - b. Review of LGET website (show www.lget.org on lcd projector)
 - i. Overview of webinar archives
 - 1. Ideas for future webinars
 - ii. Review of the Board Curriculum page
 - 1. Are these helpful resources?
 - iii. Do we need a member page?

Julie

- Part 3. The Future of Local Government Extension Training
 - a. Exploration of future efforts
 - i. Interactive opportunities for mutual learning
 - b. *Participant Share*
 - i. Application in your state
 - ii. Discussion of key points: How could future LGET programming benefit your existing training programs? What new programs can we develop together? How could LGET resources benefit your existing training programs? What new programs could you develop? What resources would most benefit your current programming?

Presentation Format: Workshop Presentation (90 min)

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Track:

- Human** Community Capital
- Financial** Community Capital
- Political** Community Capital
- Social & Cultural** Community Capital
- Natural** Community Capital
- Built** Community Capital

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Abstract:

The goal of this interactive workshop is to introduce participants to the Local Government Extension Training (LGET) initiative and the network of educators promoting education for public officials and citizens. The LGET initiative seeks to promote collaboration and information exchange among Extension personnel at all levels whose programming includes research, training, and technical assistance related to local government (www.lget.org).

The LGET effort is a national collaborative of over 100 individuals cooperating for over 6 years to share information on programming related to all facets of local government education including sunshine laws and open meetings requirements, ethics, budgeting, effective meeting techniques, policy making, and community planning. Operating at the nexus of social and political processes, local government training attempts to improve the pedagogical and research-related skills of practitioners involved in local government education.

The Workshop will be divided into three parts with each section containing content to build the skills and knowledge of participants. In each part, participants will be actively engaged and encouraged to contribute to the overall discussion presenting strategies and future outcomes of local government education. Part 1 will provide participants with an introduction to the LGET initiative; an in-depth discussion of training, research and technical assistance programming follows. Participants will be asked to share examples and discuss professional needs. Part 2 will examine the LGET current membership, with introductions from members who are present. Participants will be guided through a group share process to discuss application in their states along with breakout exercises based on key discussion questions. The Workshop will conclude with Part 3 contemplating the future of LGET. Participants will focus on key points of future programming including the benefits to existing programming and new collaborative efforts.

The intended learning outcomes for participants include an understanding of key component of LGET programs, and skills to implement or improve programs in their own states. Ultimately, this Workshop will lead to improved collaborative local government extension training across states.