



RURAL CHANGE MAKERS



Become a Leader of Change

The **Rural Change Makers Program** is a FREE and transformative 12-month leadership experience for emerging leaders (ages 18–35) who are ready to create positive change in their lives and rural communities. Up to 40 emerging leaders from throughout Ontario are selected to participate in a dynamic mix of virtual learning labs, immersive in-person gatherings, and real-world skill application. The program culminates with a certificate of completion and special ceremony at a Rural Youth Summit.

Deadline to apply
is July 1st, 2026



APPLY NOW

<https://forms.office.com/r/4MGNKMZE7D>

Grow as a leader, build lasting connections, and lead the future with your community

- ✔ **Go beyond the classroom** with specialized training in leadership, governance, policy, management, facilitation, community development, and communication.
- ✔ **Fast-track your future** by learning from expert guides, knowledge holders, thought leaders and certified trainers who will open your mind & heart to community building with you at the centre.
- ✔ **Join a strong network** of leaders, organizations and like-minded change makers from across the province, offering support, belonging and expertise as you grow.
- ✔ **Build your dreams** — Build your business! Accelerate your career! Navigate tough conversations! Plan for the future of your community or farm! Lead a community initiative or Youth Summit! Expand your abilities!

Whatever your goals – there's a place for you here!



Upcoming Info Sessions

April 16, 2026 | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

May 21, 2026 | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

June 4, 2026 | 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

For more info & to register:

<https://www.ruralontarioinstitute.ca/events>

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