"The future of the islands will be decided in the islands"



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Leadership San Juan Islands Holds Virtual Open Houses for Lopez, Orcas and San Juan Islands RSVP to <u>leadershipsanjuanislands@gmail.com</u> for more details today!

Friday Harbor, Wash. ... Leadership San Juan Islands is pleased to announce the new LSJI dates for our 2021 session, which will begin January 8th and run through May 14th, 2021. Three informational open houses will be held virtually for Lopez, Orcas and San Juan Island in October. The public is welcome to these free open houses, RSVP to Katherine Ingman, LSJI Program Director at leadershipsanjuanislands@gmail.com.

The LSJI 2021 application form is available now at www.lsji.com. Scholarships are available.

LSJI Open House Dates

Please join us for your island's LSJI Open House. Whether you are interested in attending LSJI, or have a friend who might be, you are welcome to attend. LSJI Alumni are encouraged to attend to share experiences that inspire candidates to make the commitment to take part in LSJI and contribute to the health and future of our community.

San Juan Island: Monday, October 5th, 5:00 pm to 6:15 pm, via Zoom

Lopez Island: Thursday, October 8th, 5:00 pm to 6:15 pm, via Zoom

Orcas Island: Monday, October 12th, 5:00 pm to 6:15 pm, via Zoom

Do you know of an LSJI candidate? Let them know about LSJI and about our open houses. They will thank you! Find the 2021 application form and more information at www.lsji.org.

About LSJI

LSJI is a county-wide tuition-based program designed to educate and motivate community members interested in developing their professional leadership skills and to facilitate their learning about issues affecting San Juan County. On April 30, 2004, a handful of civic-minded islanders gathered to found a program that would increase our community's ability to govern itself as it responds to 21st century opportunities and challenges. Modeling the course after leadership programs offered throughout the country, the founders established Leadership San Juan Islands with the ambitious goal of ensuring that "the future of the islands will be decided in the islands."

Each year, a cohort of about 15 graduates completes a professional development program comprising 11 days across Orcas, Lopez, and San Juan Islands, studying the government, ecology, economics, arts, history, and social services of the Islands. Students develop their leadership and public speaking skills, and delve into some of the important issues facing our island archipelago. Students also earn course credit with Skagit Valley College.

For more information about how to get involved with LSJI, visit www.lsji.org.

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