



BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

November 2 – November 13, 2020

In this course, participants will explore the nature of resilient communities and consider different approaches on how to foster and cultivate resilience. The class will explore community initiatives and responses to changes in environmental, economic, political, cultural, and social systems through a lens of sustainability, inclusion, and justice. Using case studies and shared experiences, participants will examine strategies by which communities can secure and protect their future well-being. Each participant will develop a strategy to build community resilience appropriate to specific opportunities and challenges in their home context. The course will include field visits to local communities engaged in building resilience.

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Personal Benefits:

By the end of the course, participants can expect to be able to:

- critically examine the social, cultural, environmental, economic, and political determinants of community resilience from different theoretical perspectives;
- identify tools and strategies that enhance community resilience, with a focus on community-driven and asset based approaches; and
- bring a 'resilience lens' to other community based development initiatives and programs.

Who should take the program?

This program is designed for change leaders working to strengthen the capacity of local citizens and communities to develop their resilience and enhance local well-being and sustainability. Prospective participants likely work for, or are engaged with, civil society and community-based organizations, NGOs, and local governments.

Classroom Methods

The course will include a variety of participatory and experiential learning methods by which participants will share their experiences and deepen their learnings. These will include lecture presentations, small group discussions, role-plays and simulation exercises, video/written case studies, guest speakers, and skill-building exercises. Participants will benefit from visits to local field sites to engage practitioners and dialogue with stakeholders. All presentations and instructional materials will be in English.

Fees

A mix of institutional and private donors who share Coady Institute's vision of community-based, citizen-lead change subsidize the institute's educational programs. As possible, Coady will provide qualifying candidates with a partial bursary to assist with course fees. However, all participants will be responsible for fees payable of at least \$2,250 CAD, as well as travel and other costs. **Fees are payable prior to the start of the selected course.**

Details on fees are available at www.coady.stfx.ca

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