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Apply to Leadership Exchange 2009

This year's [Greater Philadelphia Leadership Exchange](#) is an in-region, one-day session, "**Greater Philadelphia, Global Connections & Our Region's Future**," on Thursday, September 10, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Hub Cira Centre in Philadelphia.



Applications must be submitted online by 5:00 p.m. EST on Monday, June 15. [Click here to learn more and to apply.](#)

Participation in the Leadership Exchange is a competitive process with a goal of representing the geographic, demographic, sector, and industry diversity in the region. To be eligible, applicants must live and/or work in the Greater Philadelphia region and serve in a leadership role in a business, nonprofit, or government organization. **To learn about sponsorship opportunities, click [here](#).**

The Greater Philadelphia Leadership Exchange is an initiative of the Economy League to develop leaders of business, civic, and government organizations into visionaries dedicated to making Greater Philadelphia a world class region. Through in-region programming and out-of-region learning visits, the Leadership Exchange exposes leaders to best practices, forges new connections across sectors and industries, and deepens participants' understanding of Greater Philadelphia's potential.

"Tight Times, Tough Choices" - PA Edition

League Hits

[Campus Philly Opportunity Fair](#) -- In response to the economic crisis, Campus Philly is producing this event on 6/16 to connect companies with recent grads and young alumni. -- *A. Kelsey*

[Learning Through World-Wide Bridge Building](#) -- A great read on the importance of regional exchanges in a globalized world written by the head of Greater Seattle's convening organization. -- *S. Wray*

In the News

[Mayor, Council reach an accord on tax rise](#), Philadelphia Inquirer, 5/12

[Finding your fiscal fit](#), Philadelphia Inquirer, 5/10

[Tight Times, Tough Choices Redux: Pennsylvania Edition](#), WHYY/It's Our City, 4/30

[The big idea: Combat 'Job Sprawl'](#), Philadelphia Daily News, 4/28

[How Philadelphia may fare in recession and recovery](#), Philadelphia Inquirer, 4/20

Staff News



It's budget season for the Commonwealth, too, and to help people better understand the tough choices the Governor and the Legislature face, the Economy League, the Penn Project for Civic Engagement, and WHYH held a televised [town hall meeting](#) on April 30.

Following a [briefing](#) on the ins and outs of the Pennsylvania budget by Economy League executive director Steve Wray, 120 citizen participants broke into groups to discuss their concerns and draft questions for a diverse panel of state policymakers: US Sen. Bob Casey, State Sen. Jake Corman, State Rep. Dwight Evans, and State Secretary of Policy and Planning Donna Cooper. Click [here](#) to learn more or to watch the discussion online.

Beyond Stimulus Event

The Central Philadelphia Development Corporation is hosting **"Beyond Stimulus: Thinking Strategically about Infrastructure at the Regional & National Levels."** Speakers include Gov. Rendell, the president of the Regional Plan Association, and local experts.

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
Four Seasons Hotel, Philadelphia*

Click [here](#) to learn more.

Friday Journal



Each Friday, you'll find a feature about trends, places, programs, and ideas that pique our interest. Whatever the topic, we'll focus on things germane to issues affecting Greater Philadelphia.

[The home of radical arts](#) -- *J. Tschirgi*

[Remembering a Philadelphia Original](#) -- *E. Johanson*

[On the Economy and Innovation](#) -- *R. Stein*

[My Five Favorite Resources on the Global Economy \(And Why I've Stopped Reading Them\)](#) -- *A. Gold*

Congrats to new grads [Erik Johanson](#), project manager, and [Christy Kwan](#), graduate research intern.

Erik received a master of governmental administration from the Fels Institute of Government at the University of Pennsylvania. He was awarded the Fels Institute Public Service Award for his service to Greater Philadelphia.

Christy received a master of city planning, community and economic development, from the University of Pennsylvania. She was the recipient of the Ann Louise Strong Leadership & Urban Collaborator Awards.

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From the Archives

"The good news is that for the first time in several years, the budgets adopted by the City and the School District of Philadelphia are balanced without any tax increases (although a new business privilege tax was substituted for two taxes on business)."

--*Citizens' Business*
#2564, Sept. 17, 1984

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