PROJECT FACT SHEET: Leadership IU Northwest

Overview
The Indiana University Kelley School of Business offered Leadership IU, an Action-Learning based program focused on developing the leadership skills of IU faculty and staff, to IU’s seven campuses. For IU Northwest, Leadership IU became a vehicle for creating a dynamic partnership with the City of Gary.

Scope
A team of university and city leaders worked over several months to create a joint vision for supporting sustainable economic development in the city.

Community Partners - The Leadership IU Northwest team includes:

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Sean Olson of IU’s Kelley School of Business serves as the team’s coach. The team is strongly supported by Gary Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson and IU Northwest Chancellor William J. Lowe. Leadership IU is supported by the IU Office of the President, the Provost, and senior IU administrators.

Short-term Outcomes
- Creation of the Gary Urban Institute, a sustainable model for university-city economic development partnership.
- Development of a framework for evaluating economic development opportunities for their economic, social and environmental impacts.

Long-term Outcomes
- Establishment of a software tool to assist in collaborative economic development and policy decisions.
- Implementation of a program through which IU Northwest students work as interns in city departments.
- The launch of an initiative to support student-run business start-ups in the city.

About The Center
The Center for Urban and Regional Excellence at Indiana University Northwest engages the university and the community in partnerships that jointly formulate programs and policies to support thriving Northwest Indiana communities. The Center works collaboratively with organizations in all sectors to address challenges and co-create solutions in diverse areas including economic development, government efficiency, nonprofit leadership development, public safety, transportation policy, environmental sustainability, health disparities, and arts and culture.

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