Testimonials on Our Approach

We have cultivated thousands of leaders of all ages from schools, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and government entities.

"Not only did I enjoy this, but I would recommend. I will use many of these techniques with my teams. Thank you."

- Participant, Building a Foundation for a Beloved Community, 2022

"We were able to move past blame, traumas, and we're able to see one another as human sharing our common goals and being curious about where we could go together."

- Client, Values-based Leadership Consulting, 2021

"I highly recommend CEL's Stewards program to anyone who agrees that pursuit of the common good is a worthwhile leadership endeavor, and who is also motivated to actively engage toward that end."

- Participant, Values-based Leadership Stewards Cohort, 2021

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A Values-based
Leadership Model to
Advance the
Common Good

Who We Are

The Center *for* Ethical Leadership (CEL) was founded in 1990 to help leaders advance social, environmental, and economic justice by becoming more effective leaders and agents of change through our values-based leadership model. The Center is a movement whose programs and services cultivate and inspire people to collectively advance the common good. Our methods are published and found globally. We have worked with some of the Northwest's best-known businesses, schools, nonprofit organizations, and government entities.

Our holistic approach prepares leaders to lead with a "we-all" worldview, moving away from the divisive "us-them" thinking. We work with leaders who are committed to principle-centered leadership. They learn ways to invite the "stranger," build and restore relationships, and cross real and perceived boundaries. These diverse perspectives can then have the necessary conversations for creative, innovative, and sustainable results.

We prepare people to lead at a macro level for the good of all and help them clarify and claim their deeply held purpose.

"CEL taught me about core values, Gracious Space, and Peacemaking Circles when I was a teen. I have used these daily, with the young people I serve, for the past 25 years!"

- Participant, Community Learning Exchange Program

About Our Framework

Our values-based leadership model was created from human, community, leadership, and moral development. When we serve for the good of all, choose our core values, embrace wisdom from the margins, craft a vision, create gracious space, claim our voice, receive hope, and act with courage, we lead with joy and a solid foundation. This daily invitation aligns what we say with our behaviors and actions. It creates sustainable innovation.

Values-based Leadership Model Seven Practices of Leadership for the Common Good



CEL Programs and Services

- Consulting (i.e., facilitation, retreats, heal and restore relationships, organizational/community development,)
- Speaking Engagements, Seminars/Workshops, Trainings
- Personal, Professional, and Team Development
- Leadership programs for youth and adults
- Community of Values-based Practitioners (Stewards)