

*Explore and unite community voices, build capacity, and create access to the latest knowledge and fresh thinking of local universities.*



**"We see this as an opportunity to bring resources to issues that have been identified by our communities in their comprehensive plans and other planning processes, but without funding or staff, have been delayed."**

-Cara Carper, Former Executive Director, Green County Development Corporation

**Tackle pressing community projects, priorities, and policies in open and engaging ways. Grow the next-generation workforce with real-world experience in local government.**

EPIC Model Programs connect communities with the cutting-edge knowledge and people-power of universities to improve the quality of life and social wealth for all involved. Educational Partnerships for Innovation in Communities - Network (EPIC-N) is the nonprofit association of institutions that adopt the award-winning EPIC model to facilitate university-community partnerships.

***EPIC-N can connect you to regional leaders, resources, and testimonials from past participants.***

**“It’s a godsend to have the energy and the enthusiasm of students to work on projects.”**

— Lydia Romero, Lemon Grove, CA City Manager



## ***The EPIC Model***

1. Respect existing administrative structures/individual responsibilities and incentives on all sides
2. Create a genuine partnership with local governments (or community organizations)
3. Aim at intentionally improving quality of life through the UN Sustainable Development Goals
4. Focus on projects that are community-identified, -driven, and -evaluated
5. Catalyze multi-disciplinary collaboration and large numbers (of courses, students, hours of engagement)

**Contact us to find a program near you.**

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