Global Zoom Converges Quint Programs:
Opened Leadership Bridges During Closed Borders

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It was an oasis of accents. What started as an idea shared among a handful of leadership directors grew to international impact. Our intercontinental cadre hosted the first, "Quint Global Webinar," five programs from four countries and three time zones. At a time when it was difficult to travel, our little group of leadership programs built bridges to other states and countries, including our siblings: Australian Rural Leadership Foundation, Scotland Rural Leadership Programme, Rural Ontario Institute, LEAD New York and our own Pennsylvania Rural-Urban Leadership Program (RULE). There were 78 people in attendance. Every scholar had an opportunity for a voice and to engage globally at a time when all borders were closed.

Sample a slice of scholar feedback:

• The most impressive thing to me was how we all experienced similar situations and we chose to improve ourselves as a response to conflict, the essence of leadership.

• Wonderful job having the leaders of the programs take turns presenting. This was a neat experience!

• I thought it was excellent, it reminded me that our challenges and opportunities are very similar all around the world.

• Breakout sessions are very important to build relationships virtually. Keep them in future sessions.

• I liked the fact there was a prearranged spokesperson. It felt organized and allowed conversation to flow.

• What’s next? Please do more!*

*This Quint format will be revisited in 2022. (Thank you, Scotland Rural Leadership Programme) 1/31/2022

"Leadership programs provide a container for bringing together diverse perspectives that enrich problem solving and innovation."
~Michael Johnstone PhD

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