



THE ASPEN INSTITUTE

The Aspen Institute mission is twofold: to foster values-based leadership, encouraging individuals to reflect on the ideals and ideas that define a good society, and to provide a neutral and balanced venue for discussing and acting on critical issues. The Aspen Institute does this primarily in four ways: seminars, young-leader fellowships around the globe, policy programs, and public conferences and events. The Institute is based in Washington, DC; Aspen, Colorado; and on the Wye River on Maryland's Eastern Shore. It also has offices in New York City and an international network of partners.

Seminars

For decades, Aspen Institute seminars have created a respite from the pace of daily life and an opportunity to deliberate on lasting ideas and values in the company of one's peers. They help leaders deepen their knowledge, broaden their perspectives, and enhance their capacities to think creatively and strategically about solutions to the problems that confront society. The seminars challenge civic and business leaders and others to rethink the meaning of "the good society" and explore in small groups the ideas and values that have shaped human history. They are based on classical and contemporary readings and are led using the Socratic method.

Policy Programs

Aspen Institute policy programs advance public and private sector knowledge on significant policy issues confronting contemporary society. They convene leaders and experts to reach constructive solutions to critical problems. While each program is unique in substance and approach, they all share a common mission and method. Each serves as an impartial forum for proven leaders in a given field, bringing diverse perspectives together in pursuit of informed dialogue and effective action.

Leadership Initiative

For more than a decade, the Institute has supported programs for accomplished leaders in the US and around the world. Beginning with the creation of the Henry Crown Fellowship Program, these initiatives share a common goal of encouraging a new generation of civically engaged men and women to move "from success to significance" and apply their entrepreneurial talents to addressing the foremost challenges of their organizations, communities, and countries. Fellows also put their ideas into action by carrying out a leadership project. Today, the Aspen Global Leadership Network counts more than 1200 Fellows from 43 countries, and it continues to grow.

Public Conferences and Events

A growing number of public programs — from the Aspen Ideas Festival to forums on environment and health — open the doors of the Institute to a larger audience, offering opportunities to engage in the same thoughtful, nonpartisan inquiry that leaders do at conferences and seminars.

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