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Women in Leadership Across Cultures

Who do we think of when we think of good leaders? How are our expectations of leaders and leadership shaped by gender? In this workshop, we will explore the concept of leadership and identify the skills and qualities that make someone a good leader. While keeping in mind cultural differences in gender expectations, we will examine types of power that contribute to leadership and influence, as well as the ways we communicate and negotiate our interactions with others when we are leaders.

Attention will also be given to barriers and bias women leaders face, including the challenges of working with subordinates and followers who are resistant to women in leadership roles. As we expand our understanding of leadership and evaluate our own experiences as leaders, participants will develop a vision for the type of leader they want to be.



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