

# **ABOUT LSEN**

## People need science, and AAAS needs you!

AAAS' Local Science Engagement Network (LSEN) empowers scientists and engineers to engage with their communities, elevating the visibility of and trust in science while building and satisfying the demand for scientific evidence that addresses needs, solves problems and informs local and state decision-making.

Make a difference in your community by joining one of five new local networks in **Maine, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, Utah and West Virginia on the LSEN Community** — or sign up at LSEN Community to get involved and learn about future networks as we grow.

#### Join Us

You don't have to be a current member of AAAS to get involved with LSEN! By signing up as a LSEN Advocate on LSEN Community, you will gain access to free training and resources, leadership opportunities and networks of like-minded professionals passionate about building trust in science and fostering stronger civic engagement.

#### Who We Are

<u>LSEN Liaisons</u> serve as local and state-based science engagement leaders who will build and foster networks and facilitate constructive engagement between scientists, engineers and local leaders. LSEN Liaisons provide civic engagement opportunities in their communities and promote scientific evidence to inform local and state decision-making.

<u>LSEN Advocates</u> are the scientists and engineers who join AAAS' LSEN in their communities. Any current or future scientist or engineer can get involved by creating a AAAS ID at the AAAS Community. By joining, you will receive access to complimentary training and tools to help you engage with local leaders in your community. You will also be able to share ideas and best practices with other participants in other local, state and national peer networks.

# What if There's No LSEN in Your Community?

No problem! LSEN is building a national network of scientists and engineers who are committed to civic engagement and wish to receive access to valuable training and resources. Join our online forum, <u>LSEN</u> <u>Community</u>, to chat with other LSEN Advocates and find out how you can advance science-based decision making in your area.

### **How Will LSEN Engagement Make a Difference?**

By building multidisciplinary networks of science Advocates, LSEN will foster and support relationships with civic, community, business, policy and other community leaders, providing scientific information and insights. AAAS will help support science advocates who join LSEN by providing local networks with skills-building resources, trainings, events and more.

