“Empowering young Nebraskans to connect, lead, and shape the future of our communities and state.”

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ABOUT THE NETWORK

- 21-40 year olds
  - it’s not about a number
- 900+ members
- 131 communities
- Collaborates with Young Professional groups
Young leaders are a social resource that is vital to the future of our state.

Young people provide a needed infusion of ideas, energy and passion to their rural communities. Their commitment to continued growth and leadership is critical.

Nebraska must make a serious, long-term investment in the next generation.

Through purposeful engagement and networking opportunities, future leaders can gain the tools and skills they need to be catalysts of change.

By sharing interests, ideas and concerns, young leaders can create actionable next steps that drive progress.
Six Statewide Summits with 1,012 Attendees

CYN Summit Attendance

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97% of survey respondents agreed that the Summit motivated them to make a difference in their community.

(2018 CYN Summit Survey Results)
BIGGEST CHALLENGES

According to CYN Summit attendees, the biggest challenges they face in rural communities include:

- Isolation
- Transfer of leadership
- Limited opportunities to engage
- Professional development

(2016 CYN Summit Survey Results)

We recently transitioned from the University to the Nebraska Community Foundation. We are now an affiliated fund of the NCF network!

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