



Habitat X Leadership Session

What are the traits of leaders? These descriptions were compiled from a brainstorming session on July 31, 2013.

INCLUSIVE and COLLABORATIVE

facilitator
bridge builder
collaborator
shares responsibility
asks questions
recognizes and acknowledges the
experience, knowledge,
contributions of others
acknowledges importance of
community
delegates work
knows when to be hands-off

SKILLED COMMUNICATOR

synthesizer of ideas
effective speaker
active listener
tactful and diplomatic

HIGH MORAL STATURE

strong role model
transparent
balanced
grounded
compassionate
trustworthy
respectful
humble

HEALTHY and MATURE

sense of self-preservation
socially aware and sensitive
balance of humility and confidence
personally accessible
doesn't have to be the head of the
pack
solution-oriented
self-controlled
reflective and insightful
good follower when appropriate

INSPIRING

vision-maker
motivator

APPROACHABLE

appropriate sense of humor

PERCEPTIVE

lifelong learner
thought leader
shows foresight
realistically critical
discerning
observant
connecting and connected
good social sense
good judgment
insightful



AUTHORITATIVE

experienced: has 10,000 hours of
experience or equivalent
bearing of authority
presence
sets expectations
determined
properly aloof
willing to wear the mantle of
leadership

COURAGEOUS

willing to fail

BROAD-SHOULDERED

takes responsibility and initiative
tolerates risk
decisive

accountable

able to make unpleasant decisions
when needed

COMMITTED TO GROWTH & WELL-BEING OF OTHERS

mentor

teacher

advocate

servant leader

builds those around them

empowers others with
responsibility

helps others overcome fear,
especially fear of failure

can carry others' concerns

empathetic