

## 2016 North Central Washington Community Success Summit

*Quincy - Seeding Success, Growing ONE Community*

**What is it?** The purpose of the NCW Community Success Summit is to work with residents of the host community and others across the region to identify, gather and share success stories we can use to shape a healthy and thriving future in Grant, Douglas, Okanogan and Chelan counties.

The process of planning for the one-day event, to be held at the Quincy Junior High School this year on **Tuesday, November 15**, is as important as the Summit in that it provides an opportunity to reflect on the assets and successes each of us, our families, organizations and communities, brings to the region. IRIS looks for stories – small to large – that can help others succeed and lifts them up for others to see. Along the way, summit planners and participants are energized by what we discover, inspired by the people we connect with, and motivated to take action. We find others who share our values and dreams and build new relationships.



**Who convenes it?** The Initiative for Rural Innovation & Stewardship (IRIS) is a non-profit based in Wenatchee that fosters sustainable rural communities by gathering and sharing success stories that enhance a sense of belonging, inspire action and build communities. We believe that thriving communities in a healthy environment create success.

[www.irisncw.org](http://www.irisncw.org)

IRIS began convening the Summit in 2009 at the fire station in Pateros. Since then IRIS has worked with sponsors and partners, including cities and school districts, to host the summit in Manson, Bridgeport, Entiat, Okanogan and Waterville. In 2012 IRIS also began convening a Summit Advisory Committee to help plan the event and associated activities and to help discover and highlight the host community's assets.

**How are the success stories selected and shared?** We focus on a few themes each year to focus our story search including successes associated with the environment, community, and economy that represent the geography and cultures of NCW. We look for stories that show how we are maintaining healthy and diverse ecosystems, meeting basic human needs, and bridging cultures. And we share these stories through a variety of platforms that range from standup presentations at the Summit to printed and digital formats including [www.pictureofhealthncw.org](http://www.pictureofhealthncw.org)

**What are some ways to help?** Join the Summit Advisory Committee, sponsor the event, submit a success story and spread the word to others. There are as many ways to help as there are successes to celebrate!



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