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FANS BECOME HEROES AT HERMIONE-INSPIRED LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The [Granger Leadership Academy](http://www.thehpalliance.org) (GLA) is like a long-awaited Hogwarts letter and then some. The event combines the training of leadership conferences with the enthusiasm of fan events to create a space where attendees can not only talk about their favorite stories, but also draw on their messages to become heroes themselves.

This first-of-its-kind conference comes from the Harry Potter Alliance, a nonprofit organization that uses fan enthusiasm and the power of story to effect change and promote social good. It will take place from March 3rd through the 5th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick, RI. Its limited attendance size will allow for a personalized community environment and opportunities for team-building and mentorship.

The HPA's work spans over a decade, uniting hundreds of thousands of online members and 250 local chapters across six continents and 30 nations. GLA follows the organization's innovative and idea-driven approach to activism, holding as truth that anybody can change the world.

In addition to daily breakout sessions and interactive workshops such as "How to be a Beyoncé Dragon" and "Wake Up and Smell the Environmental Racism," there will also be a trivia night, a movie screening, and a wizard rock concert. Keynote speeches will be given throughout the weekend by YouTuber and body positivity advocate Meghan Tonjes, video creator and transgender trailblazer Jackson Bird, and literary representation crusader Swapna Krishna.

GLA's target audience is, effectively, anyone who wants to become a hero in their community. Registered attendees range from newborns to gradeschoolers to retired witches and wizards. That said, attendees twelve years and older will likely get the most out of the conference.

Registration is \$75 and includes a dinner, three keynotes and a keynote panel, thirty leadership and activism workshops, team-building socials, a movie screening, and a wizard rock concert. Registration ends February 15th.

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The Harry Potter Alliance (www.thehpalliance.org) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that turns fans into heroes. We're changing the world by making activism accessible through the power of story. Since 2005, we've engaged millions of fans through our work for equality, human rights, and literacy.