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“SET THE TABLE!” INITIATIVE SEEKS YOUNG ADULTS TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF NEW JERSEY

Set the Table! is a cool new initiative by Rutgers University and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) that’s aimed at getting young adults involved in a stimulating discussion about the future of New Jersey.

Rutgers’ [Voorhees Transportation Center](#) has teamed up with the [NJTPA](#) to create and launch *Set the Table!* They are seeking young adults ages 18-29 to host dinner parties or gatherings of friends to discuss their priorities for New Jersey’s future.



It’s all part of the outreach effort for NJTPA’s [long-range transportation plan](#). *Set the Table!* offers a fun, casual and social approach to encourage younger adults to contribute to the NJTPA’s planning and decision-making.

Interested young adults apply to participate via an [online form](#). Rutgers and the NJTPA will then select 20-25 participants to receive a stipend to pay for food and necessities to host a social gathering of 8-10 peers to discuss several topics related to long-term planning for northern New Jersey. Topics include: the economy, environment, transportation, technology innovation, safety, resiliency, and community. In exchange, participants will report back their key ideas and suggestions for input into the plan, which serves as a blueprint for future transportation investment and guides the NJTPA’s allocations of federal transportation funding.

In addition to the stipend, host participants will receive a “To Go Box” kit with question cards, interesting facts and other tools to help engage their guests in meaningful (and fun!) conversation.

Rutgers and the NJTPA are recruiting now for *Set the Table!* Anyone interested needs to apply by March 1, 2017 at vtc.rutgers.edu/SettheTable. Participants will be asked to host their dinner parties during the spring of 2017.

Check out the website: vtc.rutgers.edu/SettheTable



Set the course. Set the future. Set the table!