What is Philanthropy New York?

Philanthropy New York is a trusted community of 280+ grantmaking organizations that develops forward-thinking guidance and programming to address the unique challenges of philanthropy and convenes funders to strengthen ties across the sector.

Philanthropy plays a vital role in the endeavor to build an equitable, sustainable and democratic society. To serve the public good thoughtfully and strategically, philanthropic leaders need a trusted community in which they can challenge and advance their knowledge and practices.

We are a convener and a connector: we bring together funders from within and across sectors to form networks, develop and share knowledge and nurture crucial skills to make the work of each grantmaker – and the sector as a whole – more meaningful and more effective.

What We Do

Philanthropy New York champions effective grant making by building a vibrant philanthropic ecosystem that strives to advance meaningful social change. Through our work, members:

- **Convene and collaborate as a community** – We bring together philanthropic professionals to share across issues and across professional roles. Practitioners build collaborative efforts, share practices and learn from peers.

- **Share knowledge, skills and transformative practices** – We design robust programming and professional and leadership development that equips our members to understand and adapt to shifting norms and emerging trends in the field. Our programs help members cultivate key skills and implement practice models that fit their unique needs.

- **Amplify the voice of the philanthropic field** – We amplify our members’ knowledge, experience and perspective about the social sector to inform, influence and strengthen public policy.
What We Believe

PNY fosters an interdependent **community** that respects diverse voices, contributions and participation. We are a community that learns from each other and actively contributes to one another’s learning. We believe that our missions are best achieved by leveraging our collective strengths.

PNY believes philanthropic **leadership** is nurtured through community and in relationship with others. We break down barriers and provide pathways for individual members, member institutions, and PNY to exercise influence and become agents of change.

PNY embraces **learning** as an exploration of different perspectives, inclusive of a full range of expertise and experience. We test assumptions and challenge the sector’s conventional wisdom in order to adapt and evolve practice over time.

PNY embeds **equity** in all of our work. We acknowledge that institutional philanthropy stems from systems rooted in inequity. We have both the opportunity and responsibility to engage the sector’s power and privilege to dismantle these systems.

Get Involved

Our members are the heart of the organization. Membership is open to private, corporate, family, operating and public foundations, donor advised funds, and philanthropic advisors. Our members are based primarily, but not exclusively, in the New York region, and champion local, national and global causes.

If you are interested in joining this vibrant learning community, contact us for more information at 212-714-0699 or info@philanthropynewyork.org.