

**Affinity Groups of Funders to which OSF Belongs—
All Staff Most Welcome to Engage with Them**

All OSF staff are most welcome to take advantage of OSF's memberships in the affinity groups below. OSF pays significant dues to these organizations. In return, please engage with any which will be useful in your OSF work. Involvement with an affinity group normally starts with visiting the organization's website. If the website sparks your interest, the next step is to register for access to the members only section of the website and to get on the email list for that group. The list below provides each affinity group's mission, its web address, and information about how to access the part of its website that is protected for members.

Affinity groups are associations of funders that exist to provide opportunities for exchange of information, collaboration, and networking virtually or in person. These groups also bring funders together to sponsor convenings and workshops, monitor developments in a field, conduct research, issue publications, and organize professional development and conferences. Membership benefits include reduced rates for conferences and workshops, publications, mailing lists, and many other services.

If you have any questions about these affinity groups, or any others in the field of philanthropy, or if you would like assistance in becoming an individual member of any of them, please contact Leigh Hallingby, OSF head librarian, at lhallingby@sorosny.org or 212-548-0181.

1. ASSET FUNDERS NETWORK (AFN)

Mission: Promote initiatives and strategies for increasing ownership of high-return assets and access to the tools for building economic self-sufficiency. Merged in 2011 with Microenterprise Funders Group.

Website: www.assetfunders.org

Access to members area of website: Website is open to all at this time.

2. ASSOCIATION OF BLACK FOUNDATION EXECUTIVES (ABFE)

Mission: To promote effective and responsive philanthropy in Black communities. To champion the interests of Black communities within the philanthropic sector.

Website: www.abfe.org

Access to members area of website: Send name, OSF affiliation, title, email, and phone to Christine Nicholson, ABFE Coordinator of Membership Services, at cnicholson@abfe.org. Or, if you send an email to lhallingby@sorosny.org, OSF head librarian Leigh Hallingby will be glad to do this for you.

3. COUNCIL ON FOUNDATIONS (COF)

Mission: To work with legislators, educators, etc., to create an environment in which philanthropy can grow and thrive, and to provide Council members with the products and services they need to do their best work.

Website: www.cof.org

Access to members area of website: Send name, OSF affiliation, title, email, and phone to Keith J. Greene, Director of Membership, at keith.greene@cof.org. Or, if you send an email to lhallingby@sorosny.org, OSF head librarian Leigh Hallingby will be glad to do this for you.

4. EMERGING PRACTITIONERS IN PHILANTHROPY (EPIP)

Mission: To strengthen the next generation of grantmakers, in order to advance effective social justice philanthropy. To reach out especially to foundation staff under age 40 and/or in lower level positions.

Website: www.epip.org

Access to members area of website: Send name, OSF affiliation, title, email, phone, and to Rebecca Schumer at rebecca@epip.org. Or, if you send an email to lhallingby@sorosny.org, OSF head librarian Leigh Hallingby will be glad to do this for you.

5. THE FOUNDATION CENTER

Mission: To collect, organize, and communicate information on U.S. philanthropy; to conduct and facilitate research on trends in the field; to provide education and training on the grantseeking process; to ensure public access to information and services through its website, print and electronic publications, five library/learning centers, and national network of cooperating collections.

Website: www.fdncenter.org

Access to members area of website: Foundation Directory Online is available for all OSF staff and fellows at <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/ipl.php> from OSF staff computers without the requirement of a user name or password. To access from a non-OSF computer, please use: <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/> User name: opensociety; Password: soros

6. FUNDERS' COMMITTEE FOR CIVIC PARTICIPATION

Mission: To promote civic participation as a key to making democracy work. To bring heightened attention to issues of equity and of historically disenfranchised and underrepresented communities.

Website: www.funderscommittee.org

Access to members area of website: Website is open to all at this time.

7. GRANTMAKERS CONCERNED WITH IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES (GCIR)

Mission: To promote awareness and understanding among grantmakers about national and international migration trends and public policies and other issues affecting immigrants and refugees. To increase financial support for projects and activities benefiting immigrant and refugee communities.

Website: www.gcir.org

Access to members area of website: Send name, OSF affiliation, title, email, and phone, to Amanda Graves at amanda@gcir.org. Or, if you send an email to lhallingby@sorosny.org, OSF head librarian Leigh Hallingby will be glad to do this for you.

8. GRANTMAKERS FOR EDUCATION (GFE)

Mission: To strengthen education philanthropy in the United States. To deepen the impact and effectiveness of funders who support early childhood, K-12, and postsecondary education on local, regional and national levels. To improve outcomes and expand opportunities for all students.

Website: www.gefunders.org

Access to members area of website: Send name, OSF affiliation, title, email, and phone, to Barbara Dibs at barbara@edfunders.org. Or, if you send an email to lhallingby@sorosny.org, OSF head librarian Leigh Hallingby will be glad to do this for you.

9. GRANTMAKERS FOR EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS (GEO)

Mission: To promote learning and encourage dialog among funders committed to organizational effectiveness.

Website: www.geofunders.org

Access to members area of website: Go to member login area and type in Open Society Institute as your affiliation. You will then be able to register.

10. GRANTMAKERS IN THE ARTS (GIA)

Mission: To share ideas about arts philanthropy within a diverse community of grantmakers.

Website: www.giarts.org

Access to members area of website: Apply online for individual membership and wait for a confirming email.

11. GRANTMAKERS IN FILM AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA (GFEM)

Mission: To advance the field of media arts and public service media funding. To serve as a resource for grantmakers who fund media programming and infrastructure, as well as those who may employ media to further their program goals.

Website: www.gfem.org

Access to members area of website: There are no restricted parts of the website.

12. HISPANICS IN PHILANTHROPY (HIP)

Mission: To increase philanthropic support of Latino communities and promote participation by Latinos within philanthropy. To increase Latino representation on foundation staff and boards, promote efforts to strengthen the Latino nonprofit sector, develop cross border exchanges between Latin American and U.S. foundations, and educate grantmakers about issues affecting Latino communities.

Website: www.hiponline.org

Access to members area of website: Send name, OSF affiliation, title, email, and phone, to Natalie Conneely at natalie@hiponline.org. Or, if you send an email to lhallingby@sorosny.org, OSF head librarian Leigh Hallingby will be glad to do this for you.

13. INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS FUNDERS GROUP (IHRFG)

Mission: To support efforts to achieve the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the treaties it has generated so that all people may enjoy a full human existence.

Website: www.hrfunders.org

Access to members area of website: Create an account in the members area, and then wait for email approval from IHRFG.

14. NATIONAL PUBLIC EDUCATION SUPPORT FUND

Mission: Part of The Stanford Center for Opportunity Policy in Education (SCOPE) fosters research, policy, and practice to advance high quality, high equity education systems in the United States and internationally.

Website: None

15. NEIGHBORHOOD FUNDERS GROUP (NFG)

Mission: To support community-based efforts which improve economic and social conditions in low-income communities. To provide information, learning opportunities, critical thinking, and other professional development activities to their members.

Website: www.nfg.org

Access to members area of website: Anyone may register as a user. Select OSF from the drop-down list of organizational members of NFG. You will receive a confirming email.

16. PHILANTHROPY NEW YORK (Formerly NYRAG)

Mission: To improve and enhance the practice of philanthropy and to encourage collaborative action among grantmakers in the New York City tri-state area. To offer many stimulating and educational programs (about 140/year) at no charge covering all aspects of philanthropy, plus the economic, educational, and social issues of the times.

Website: www.philanthropynewyork.org

Access to members area of website: Every OSF staff member is actually automatically a Philanthropy New York member at no charge. But in order to receive notifications about events, plus the newsletter, OSF staff must be officially added to the Philanthropy New York database. OSF head librarian Leigh Hallingby is the administrator of this list, so please send her an email and she will be glad to add you.

17. PHILANTHROPY ROUNDTABLE

Mission: To foster excellence in philanthropy, to protect philanthropic freedom, to assist donors in achieving their philanthropic intent, and to help donors advance liberty, opportunity, and personal responsibility in America and abroad.

Website: www.philanthropyroundtable.org

Access to members area of website: Site open to all

18. SOCIAL JUSTICE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDERS

Mission: To learn about successful and innovative philanthropic approaches to investing in the field of community organizing. To help build a more robust public sector capable of creating widespread social and economic opportunity in the U.S.

Website: None. Contact person: Vera Miao at veramiao@gmail.com

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