We Encourage You to Participate in the CT Nonprofit State of the Sector Survey!

To better understand, support, and advocate for the needs of the nonprofit sector in Connecticut, The Alliance and Fio Partners, along with partners like the Hartford Foundation, are launching a time-sensitive survey on the state of nonprofits in CT. The survey is for Executive Directors/CEOs of nonprofits in CT. Please take 15-20 minutes to complete this important survey by February 6th. We promise to share the survey report with respondents in early March.

Click here to take the survey. Thank you!

Get the Most From Your Consulting Engagements

How can a consultant help increase your organization’s capacity? How do you choose and hire the right one? And how do you manage the relationship to maximize impact? If any of these questions are on your mind, you're invited to attend this virtual NSP workshop that will offer practical tools and resources regarding the benefits, challenges and nuances of working with consultants; explore common areas where things might go awry, and discuss how to avoid these problems.

Click here to register.

Building Evaluation Capacity (BEC) Info Session – you're invited!

If you struggle with any of the following questions, you may wish to register to attend this session on February 15th:

- How do we know that our programs are making a difference and achieving our mission?
- How do we use feedback from our evaluations to improve decision-making?
- How do we create a culture of continuous learning and improvement in our organization?
- How do we begin to understand evaluation and become better consumers of evaluation services?
Almost 70 organizations have completed the BEC program, and improved their programs and services by learning how to use evaluation skills and evaluation-thinking across their work.

Click [here](#) to register for the Info Session to learn more about the program, and whether you wish to apply.

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**Five Frogs Launches Leading for Equity Leader Convenings – register to attend**

Leaders from across the nonprofit, public and private sectors are invited to join to connect, share ideas, and challenge and support each other. Each convening, hosted by Five Frogs, features an accomplished guest leader who shares their leadership insights to launch a dynamic group conversation.

Click [here](#) to learn more. Click [here](#) to register for these free sessions.

Questions? Contact Tricia Hyacinth, Executive Director, Five Frogs, tricia@fivefrogsct.org.

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**Upcoming Hartford Foundation Grant and Program Opportunities**

On January 20th, the Hartford Foundation hosted an information session for those interested to ask questions and learn more about grant and program opportunities at the Hartford Foundation, as well as updates to the Access Grants opportunity.

Click [here](#) to access the Information Session recording.

Click [here](#) to learn more about Hartford Foundation’s grant opportunities.

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**Congrats to the Six Organizations Selected to Participate in the Social Enterprise Accelerator!**

After attending a series of Learning Labs over the summer, we are excited to announce that the following organizations have been selected to participate in the next phase of the Social Enterprise Accelerator, designed to help nonprofits start or grow earned income ventures. These nonprofits are working swiftly to develop business plans for the earned income ventures, which will be presented to potential donors/investors at a “Fast Pitch” session in March.

If you are interested in attending a virtual “Fast Pitch” session at which potential donors will hear brief presentations from each organization on their business plans and then have the opportunity to support these earned income ventures, please contact Meher Shulman at mshulman@hfpg.org, and we will send you a Zoom invitation.

Please join us in congratulating these enterprising “Super Six” organizations!
How to Conduct a CEO/ED Performance Assessment in 10 Steps – BoardSource

One of the board’s most important responsibilities is to assess the chief executive. There are many ways to conduct a CEO assessment, but BoardSource encourages boards and chief executives to follow these 10 key assessment tool steps.

Nonprofits Can Now Add a Donate Button to their Zoom Events

Participants in Zoom meetings and events can make charitable contributions within video calls through Donations by Pledge, a free app created by Pledge, a fundraising technology firm. Pledge does not take a cut of donations. Instead, the app gives donors the option to “tip” the company. Click here to learn more.

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