Compass Connect Conversations

Compass Connect Conversations, hosted by The Sorkin Center at Compass, are virtual gatherings of nonprofit leaders coming together to support each other – to share ideas, concerns, best practices and community.

COMING UP
Understanding Anti-Racism and Your Role
Tuesday, June 23
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. EST
Speaker: Michelle Molitor, Executive Director of The Equity Lab
REGISTER HERE (for Executive Directors only)

In this workshop we will talk about structural oppression, our roles as having agency or being a target of that oppression, and what we can and should do about it. Participants will be asked to look at their own experiences to understand the role that their racialized identities have played in their lives, as well as the conscious and unconscious ways that anti-Black racism in particular plays a role in all of our lives. In this context, Executive Directors will consider both their personal role as a leader, and their organization’s role, in racial justice.

Guest speaker Michelle Molitor is the Executive Director of The Equity Lab. The Equity Lab’s vision is an equitable, anti-racist citizenry, steeped in action that seeks out and eradicates oppressive systems, engendering a more humane and just society. The Equity Lab strives to build change agents who can lead collective anti-racist action in their organizations.

PAST EVENTS
Virtual Sorkin Summit – The Role of the Nonprofit Board During Covid-19
For board members and Executive Directors
Thursday, May 21 – Board Role in Fundraising
Panelists: Darryl Bundridge, Executive Director, and Arlin Green, Board Chair, City Year Philadelphia; Christpher Morgan, Executive Artistic Director, and Adam Weers, Treasurer, Dance Place

Thursday, May 14 - Nonprofit Governance
Speaker: Lucretia Risoleo, Compass board member, Adjunct Law Professor, American University
Panelists: Jamila Larson, Executive Director, and Char Beales, Board Chair, Homeless Children’s Playtime Project; Kevin Hinton, Executive Director, and Beth Harrison, Board Chair, Beacon House

Thursday, May 7
Nonprofit Partnerships and Mergers: Saving Impactful Programs in a Crisis
Speaker: Nadya Shmavonian, Director of the Nonprofit Repositioning Fund and a partner at SeaChange Capital Partners
Thursday, April 23
Communicating in the Time of Coronavirus
Speaker: Kerry-Ann Hamilton of KAH Consulting

Thursday, April 16
Greater Washington Executive Director Virtual Gathering
Topics: Caring for Your Team and the Urgency to Innovate
Discussion lead by Michelle Edwards, Executive Director of Live It Learn It, and Jeff Franco, Director of The Sorkin Center at Compass

Thursday, April 9
Philanthropy in Light of Covid-19
Speaker: Henry Berman, CEO of Exponent Philanthropy

Thursday, March 26
Greater Washington Executive Director Virtual Gathering

ABOUT THE SORKIN CENTER
The Sorkin Center at Compass builds on Compass' years of experience and expertise in the local nonprofit sector. The Sorkin Center works with nonprofit boards and leaders by bringing services to support board work, matching business professionals to nonprofits seeking to grow and diversify their boards, and providing trainings for board members, Executive Directors and individuals interested in board service.