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Upcoming Events

Overcoming Board Resistance to Fundraising

In this FREE workshop, Michael Davidosn will identify the reasons boards resist fundraising and offer practical techniques for helping board members overcome their fundraising reluctance.

April 2, 2015
79 5th Avenue, Between
15th & 16th Street,
2nd Floor

To register, [click here](#)

2015 New York Community Trust Nonprofit Excellence Awards

Applications are now available for the 2015 Nonprofit Excellence Awards, giving NYC,



To have a high-functioning nonprofit, it is critical for the executive director and the board of directors to work together to achieve the organization's mission. This month's LeadTime offers articles and resources to help executive directors to develop and enrich boards for greater impact.

Check out the [Board of Directors Tools](#) on the Center's website.

Building a Strong Board Chair CEO Partnership



A healthy and productive relationship between the executive and board chair of a nonprofit is critical to the organization's success. Great organizations have executives and board chairs who lead side-by-side in their respective roles, all in the context of serving the organization.

To read more about building a strong executive and board chair partnership, [click here](#)

Tips and Tools for Board and Committee Engagement

Many nonprofits struggle with how to engage board members in a meaningful way. A recent article in *NTEN* explores key questions and answers around the issue of strategically engaging board members to achieve a nonprofit's mission. Here are some of the questions the article answers:

Long Island and Westchester nonprofits the chance to boost their management performance and be recognized for excellent management practices.

Deadline for applications: May 1, 2015

To learn more and apply, [click here](#)

FREE Center Webinar Watch

Join us for a FREE webinar from *Roadmap* that promises to demystify financial information and focus on what you need to know to make informed decisions and build financial health to sustain strong social justice organizations, alliances, and movements.

April 30, 2015
1:00pm - 2:45pm
Garden City, School of Social Work, Room 302

If you're a nonprofit executive interested in attending, please email Diane Wunderlich at dwunderlich@adelphi.edu

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- What are some activities to build engagement?
- What are some board committee structure options?
- What are some tools you can use to build engagement?

To read more, [click here](#)

Pruning Your Board



Many nonprofit leaders suffer from some degree of angst when confronted with what to do about inactive or unproductive members of the board. A recent article from *Guidestar* offers some ideas about what to do about board members who are not able to fulfill their roles. Bill

Hoffman, the author, stresses that it is important that "pruning" be a board-driven process and not simply the executive's initiative.

To read the article, [click here](#)

Boards and Fundraising: Addressing Resistance

Engaging the board in fundraising is a challenge for many nonprofits. Michael Davidson, a consultant at the *Center for Nonprofit Leadership*, offers tips to address a board's resistance to fundraising on his blog. Michael says that the first step is to provide board members with an opportunity to talk about the reasons why they are reluctant to engage in fundraising.

To read Michael's blog, [click here](#)

Office Space Available

There is office space available at very reasonable rates in Hempstead for nonprofit organizations. The Helen Keller building has 2,500 SF - 40,000 SF available for nonprofit organizations.

For information, please contact Wayne Steinberg at [646.352.1418](tel:646.352.1418)