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ABOUT SYNERGOS

Established as a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit headquartered in New York City, Synergos is a global organization dedicated to building trust and inspiring collective action. We bridge divides between business, government, civil society, and communities to shift systems and create meaningful change, focusing on complex issues such as social injustice, poverty, and climate challenges.

ABOUT THE GLOBAL PHILANTHROPISTS CIRCLE

The Global Philanthropists Circle (GPC) is a **global community of leading philanthropic families and individuals** committed to addressing complex challenges grounded in trust-building, collaboration and systems thinking.

Founded in 2001 by Peggy Dulany and her late father David Rockefeller Sr., the GPC is part of the broader **Synergos Global Network** and reflects its values of equity, inclusion, and collective impact.

What makes the GPC distinct is its emphasis on **relationships, reflection, and action**. The GPC is a high-trust, safe space where members explore new ways of seeing and acting together — it is a learning and action community rooted in trust and shared values.



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Our work is rooted in Synergos' **Bridging Leadership approach**, with emphasis on inner work for outer impact, collaboration, and systems thinking. These principles guide our efforts to drive systemic change on complex problems of social injustice, poverty and climate, fostering lasting impact.

We believe philanthropy is most effective when it is rooted in humility, self-awareness, inclusion, equity, and trust. At the same time, we find strength in our diversity and share common values, including:

COLLABORATION &
COLLECTIVE ACTION

CHAMPIONS FOR
SYSTEMIC CHANGE

LIFELONG LEARNING &
OPENNESS TO NEW
PERSPECTIVES

COMMITMENT TO
SELF-AWARENESS &
HUMILITY



These values underpin everything we do, from our online programs to our in-person gatherings and retreats, where members come together to deepen self-awareness, form meaningful partnerships, and explore strategies for systemic change.



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INNER WORK

We practice inner work to fully live out our principles. Inner work is any form of deliberate and ongoing reflective practice that increases awareness of self, others, and the systems in which complex social problems arise. These practices enable us to better understand how our own assumptions, beliefs, and biases may be impacting the work we do in the world.

For more information, explore our [Spiritual Civilization Collaborative Community](#) and associated [Cultivate The Soul Podcast](#).



ALIGNMENT

A shared belief in the principles of Bridging Leadership, emphasizing trust-building, collaboration, and systemic change.

A willingness to engage in inner work and reflective practices to enhance personal impact.

COMMITMENT

Families or individuals actively engaged in significant philanthropic & social investment efforts of \$1mn+ either through direct giving, operating foundations, impact investments, or donor advised funds.

A demonstrated commitment to addressing systemic challenges such as poverty, social injustice, and climate change.

ENGAGEMENT & CONFIDENTIALITY

Active participation in GPC programs, events, and collaborative initiatives.

Openness to peer learning, knowledge sharing, and collective action within the GPC community.

Respect for the confidentiality of discussions and information shared within the GPC network.

Adherence to community guidelines that uphold the integrity and trust of the GPC community.

MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

TRUSTED PEER COMMUNITY

The GPC is a peer community where members **gain access to a global network of philanthropists** committed to creating a more just, equitable, peaceful and regenerative world. Through peer connection, members learn insights from different cultures and contexts to common issues and challenges. It is a family membership with a key next-gen component which we call 'Rising Leaders.'

STRATEGIC PHILANTHROPY SUPPORT & CONNECTIONS

With nearly 40 years of global experience in systems thinking, inner work, and collaborative leadership, Synergos supports GPC members in becoming more effective, reflective, and values-aligned in their giving. Each family is paired with a **dedicated and seasoned professional** on the Synergos staff with deep experience in philanthropy and social investment – who offers personalized guidance, strategic resources and access to expansive networks to translate values into action.

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COLLECTIVE ACTION

The GPC isn't just a platform for learning — it's a network for doing. Members connect through **Collaborative Communities** focused on shared issue areas, with the aim of co-creating strategies, funding efforts collectively, and sustaining impact over time. These communities evolve organically, grounded in trust and shared purpose. The communities tap into the experience of both their peers and the wider Synergos network of subject area experts.

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LEARNING & COLLABORATION

The GPC offers intimate convenings, retreats, and dialogues, both in-person and virtual, that create a safe and reflective space for peer exchange, expert insight, and collective sensemaking — often absent in traditional philanthropy networks. These gatherings are designed to cultivate trust, spark new insights and help members shift thinking from individual action to collaboration — guided by the Synergos' Bridging Leadership approach.

CONNECTING WITH & SUPPORTING A GLOBAL ECOSYSTEM

As part of the Synergos Global Network, GPC members access a diverse ecosystem of changemakers — from grassroots innovators to senior government leaders — creating pathways for bold, cross-sector collaboration. Synergos has cultivated a wide network of organizations and individuals who practice collaboration and systemic approaches. Members benefit from Synergos' trusted relationships across civil society, government, and social innovators across the Global South and beyond — unlocking unique opportunities for partnership, funding, and insight.

OUR GLOBAL NETWORK

INNER WORK FOR OUTER IMPACT

At the heart of the GPC experience is the belief that lasting systems change starts within. Inner work is the practice of cultivating self-awareness, humility, empathy, and resilience leading to greater authenticity. The GPC creates space for members to engage in reflection, dialogue, and inquiry that deepens their personal clarity and purpose. This might look like exploring questions of legacy, identity, and power; confronting limiting beliefs; or practicing presence and deep listening. This inner shift is the foundation for trusting relationships, generative dialogue, and ultimately, collective action.

INNER WORK PRACTICE

FAMILY PHILANTHROPY & THE NEXT GENERATION

Synergos supports families by creating spaces to engage in conversations on intergenerational philanthropy, family dynamics, investment choices and impactful leadership.

Through international gatherings and intimate local events and retreats, we invite young leaders to focus on inner work, develop leadership visions, and align personal values with their philanthropic endeavors to foster deeper commitment and impact.

As we grow our community of next generation philanthropists, we'll be offering an online space for personal connections and resources, storytelling events dedicated to community building and developing bridging leadership skills.



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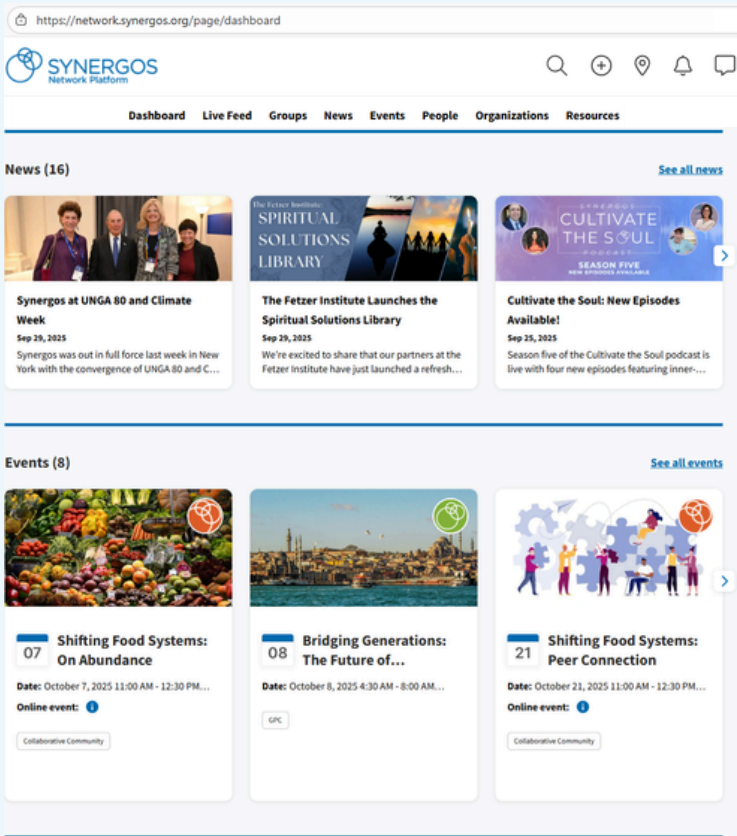
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Synergos Network Platform

The Synergos Network Platform is a dedicated space for members of the Synergos global network to connect, share ideas, inspiration, and opportunities. With this online portal, members can register for Synergos offerings, connect on similar interests, and learn more about issue areas within our Collaborative Communities. They can also learn more about their fellow GPC members by exploring each other's profiles, organizations, news, and opportunities.



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The Synergos Network Platform has its own app, so members can take the Synergos global network with them wherever they go! Search for Synergos in the Google Play and Apple App stores.



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2026 EVENTS CALENDAR



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WINTER 2026

Global Philanthropists Circle Network Visit to Hong Kong

**FEB
9-12**

Hong Kong
An immersive exploration of values-driven wealth, cultural stewardship, education, and sustainable finance in one of Asia’s most influential global hubs. The visit will be led by Peggy Dulany, Founder of Synergos, alongside Camille Massey, President & CEO of Synergos, and a small group of GPC members. The program blends private dialogues, site visits, and shared meals with leading families, institutions, and ecosystem builders shaping Hong Kong’s philanthropic and impact landscape.

The Power of Us: Courage, Collaboration, and New Pathways to Philanthropy

**FEB
23-26**

Black & White House, Singapore
This gathering will bring together leading philanthropists, changemakers, and thought leaders from across Asia and beyond to explore what it means to lead with a collaborative spirit. An event that invites us to pause, reflect, and ask: What becomes possible when we move from ‘I’ to ‘We’? Participation by invitation only.

EVENTS CALENDAR

SPRING 2026

David Rockefeller Bridging Leadership Awards

**MAY
12**

The New York Historical, New York
The 2026 Awards will bring together more than 200 changemakers to celebrate the accomplishments of our Awardees and wider community. Through an engaging program and reception, attendees will explore real-world applications of trust and collective action.

2026 GPC Gathering in New York

**MAY
13-14**

Brooklyn Botanic Gardens, New York
The Annual Gathering in New York is the cornerstone meeting of the GPC, bringing together a vibrant community of philanthropists and thought leaders from around the world. Rooted in Synergos’ Bridging Leadership approach, the Gathering offers a space for deep reflection, courageous dialogue, and the discovery of new partners and pathways for collaboration.

Rising Leaders Reception

**MAY
13**

New York City

This reception is an informal gathering designed to foster community and build deeper connections. Reserved for philanthropists and change leaders ~40 years old and younger, the event will energize our young community to apply their unique perspectives and creativity to better understand their roles in shaping the future.

Spiritual Civilization Gathering

**MAY
15**

New York City

This meeting will convene members of the Global Philanthropists Circle and the Spiritual Civilization Collaborative Community to explore the intersection of philanthropy, contemplative practices, self-reflection and spirituality. In brave spaces, leaders in philanthropy discuss how they are bringing inner work to outer action and the impact this creates for social change.

AUTUMN 2026

Rising Leaders Session / At One Impact Week

**SEP
9**

Singapore

At One Impact week brings together global leaders, innovators, and changemakers to reimagine how business, policy and culture can shape life. Synergos will be hosting a session dedicated to our Rising Leaders, the next generation of philanthropists shaping the future.

United Nations General Assembly + NY Climate Week

**SEP
20-25**

New York City

A week of Synergos and partner events on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly and Climate Week, applying our Bridging Leadership perspective to the discourse of the week. Our calendar of events will offer opportunities to gather members from our global network, including from the GPC and our Collaborative Communities for Action, as well as ensure GPC members are adding their voices to critical conversations hosted by partner and affiliate organizations.



Rising Leaders UNGA and Climate Week Reception

**SEP
23**

New York City

A private reception, hosted by Synergos Founder Peggy Dulany, will offer our Rising Leaders an opportunity to step away from the pace of the week, and engage in meaningful conversations with peers from around the world.

GPC UNGA and Climate Week Reception

**SEP
24**

New York City

A private reception, hosted by Synergos Board and GPC Member Eddie Bergman, will offer a space for members of the community to gather in the midst of the week's events.

GPC Europe Gathering: Uniting for Collective Impact

**OCT
7-9**

Stolkholm, Sweden

Drawing on the distinctive energy and landscape of Stockholm, the GPC European Gathering is designed with the whole person in mind - creating space for intellectual exploration, genuine connection, inner reflection, and renewal.

Across three carefully curated days, GPC Members will engage in small-group discussions, hear new voices, share meals, find stillness in nature, and build lasting bridges with their peers.

Rising Leaders Dinner and Workshop

**NOV
4-5**

Singapore

Rising Leaders will gather in Singapore, creating a space for reflection and dialogue — exploring how leadership can be bridged across generations, how trust and resilience can be nurtured in today's context, and how young voices can shape the future of philanthropy. With a dinner on November 4th, and a workshop on November 5th, program is designed to foster meaningful connections, spark fresh perspectives, and inspire collaborative action.



EVENTS CALENDAR

MORE TO COME IN 2027

19 January	Satellite Event @ Davos Switzerland
14-17 February	Learning Journey China
18-19 February	GPC Gathering Hong Kong
22-25 February	Learning Journey India
5 April	Satellite Event @ Skoll United Kingdom
11-13 May	Global Network Week USA
20-22 September	Satellite Events @ UNGA USA
13-15 October	GPC Gathering Europe

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