

SYNERGOS

GLOBAL PHILANTHROPISTS CIRCLE



SYNERGOS & THE GLOBAL PHILANTHROPISTS CIRCLE

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 based on trust and shared values.



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Our work is rooted in Synergos' **Bridging Leadership approach**, which emphasises inner work for outer impact, collaboration, and systems thinking. These principles guide our efforts to drive systemic change on complex problems and root causes fostering lasting impact.

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

OUR APPROACH & VALUES

- 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.

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.

> *"As individuals, understanding our own obstacles to becoming our most effective selves leads to the ability to be open to trusting others who are different from ourselves.*
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> *Building trust within groups that need to work together to solve complex problems increases the capacity to collaborate.*
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> *Collaboration around complex problems is critical to reaching sustainable and scalable solutions."*
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> — Peggy Dulany
> *Building Trust Works*
> *Why Inner Work for Social Impact*

For more information, explore our **Spiritual Civilization Community** and associated **Cultivate The Soul Podcast**.

Cultivate the SOUL

INNER WORK



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.'



KEY OFFERINGS

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.

VIEW PHILANTHROPY PARTNERS

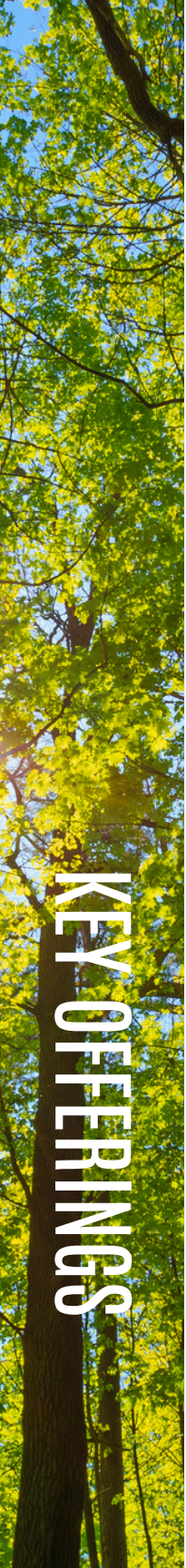
COLLECTIVE ACTION

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 and sustaining impact over time. Through Synergos' new **Collective Action Fund,** members fund efforts collectively, backing an entire community's priorities in a single gift. Resources support high-leverage projects developed through Bridging Leadership that are shaped by Synergos' network of local leaders, philanthropists, and practitioners working across sectors.

VIEW COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITIES

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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.

OUR EVENTS CALENDER

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.



Rising Leaders is a trusted global community for next-generation members of philanthropic families and emerging leaders connected to the GPC. Through international gatherings and intimate local events, we invite members to focus on inner work, develop their leadership vision, and align their personal values with their philanthropy, fostering 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.

VIEW RISING LEADERS

KEY OFFERINGS



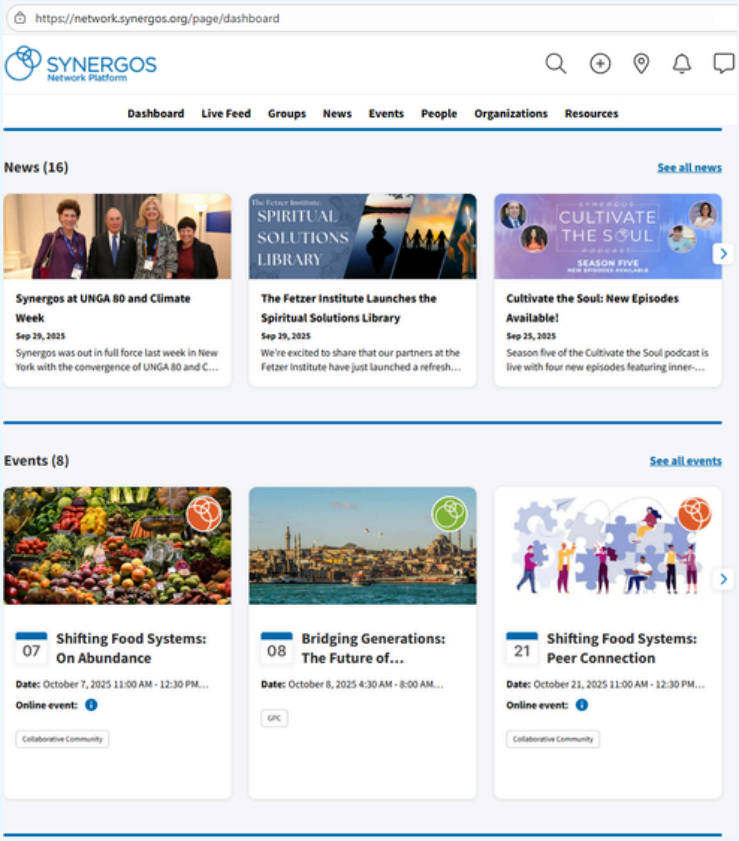


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Synergos Network Platform

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.





2026 EVENTS CALENDAR







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QUARTER ONE 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.

QUARTER TWO 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.

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QUARTER THREE 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 buisness, 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.

QUARTER FOUR 2026

EVENTS CALENDAR

GPC Europe Gathering: Uniting for Collective Impact

OCT 7-9

Stockholm, 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.

European Network Visit: London

OCT 12

London

This conversation themed "Democracy: A Building Block for Lasting Change" explores the question: What role can our philanthropy play in strengthening the democratic foundations on which lasting change depends? This roundtable will bring together philanthropists and thought partners, including Liberty and The Trustees, to explore, reflect and think alongside one another.

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European Network Visit - Paris

OCT 14

Paris

The Choices We Make: Purpose, Philanthropy, and the Next Generation brings together philanthropists and their families for an intimate evening exploring the question: How do you find purpose in your philanthropy, navigate the challenges along the way and help the next generation find their own path? It will be a space to step away from the demands of daily life, speak openly with peers at different stages of their journey and come away with fresh perspectives on the choices that lie ahead.

European Network Visit - Geneva

OCT 15

Geneva

This intimate conversation brings together members of the Global Philanthropists Circle and a small group of philanthropic families from Switzerland and beyond. We'll explore questions such as: How do we remain courageous and true to our purpose? When is it right to speak out, and when might philanthropy achieve more by building bridges? Where can families have greater impact by working together rather than acting alone?

European Network Visit - Wassenaar, The Netherlands

OCT 19

Wassenaar, The Netherlands

Funding the Future Together: Restoring Landscapes and Reimagining Food Systems brings together philanthropists, impact investors and leaders in regenerative agriculture, conservation and systems change, to explore how shifting food systems is integral to large-scale, long-term holistic landscape restoration.

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.

California Network Visit - Los Angeles

NOV 9

Los Angeles, California

Our communities are divided, and trust in public institutions, corporations, and philanthropy itself is wearing thin. Over an intimate dinner with a small group of philanthropists and social investors from the Los Angeles area we'll discuss: how do we step up with courage, and what can we build together that none of us could build alone?

The AI Generation: Wealth, Leadership and Purpose

NOV 12

Palo Alto, California

Bringing together technology founders, investors, philanthropists, and social change leaders, this gathering will create space for candid discussion about the opportunities and challenges emerging in the age of AI. Together, we will examine what established philanthropic families and a new generation of entrepreneurs can learn from one another, how wealth can be stewarded with purpose, and how this period of extraordinary innovation can become a catalyst for meaningful and enduring contribution.

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MORE TO COME IN 2027

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(TBC) January	Before Davos: A GPC Members' Check In Switzerland
14-17 February	GPC Learning Journey China
18-19 February	GPC Gathering Hong Kong
22-25 February	Shifting Food Systems Retreat India
5 April	Before Skoll: A GPC Members' Check In United Kingdom
11 May	Bridging Leadership Awards USA
12-14 May	Global Network Week USA
(TBC) July	Rising Leaders Retreat Brazil
20-22 September	UNGA Week Synergos Convenings USA
13-15 October	GPC Gathering Europe

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