



RISING LEADERS

A global community for the next generation of leaders building a just, equitable, peaceful, and regenerative world

You've reached a point where you want your resources, relationships, and energy to do more.

Maybe you're stepping into a role you inherited. Maybe you've built something of your own. Maybe you're wrestling with a set of challenges you care about and wondering where you actually fit.

Maybe you're asking a more fundamental question:

“How do I want to lead in this moment?”



You carry real responsibility – whether that's a legacy, a business, or simply a set of values you've decided to act on.

You're not looking for skills training, but something harder to find: a space to explore who you are, peers who are on the same journey, and a community that takes your questions as seriously as your potential.



Rising Leaders is meant exactly for this moment, and is ready to be shaped by those who join it.

Part of Synergos' Global Philanthropists Circle (GPC), Rising Leaders brings together next-generation members from across the philanthropic and social impact world - people at different stages and from different backgrounds, united by curiosity, commitment, and a belief that lasting change requires more than resources alone.

It's a high-trust space where you don't have to explain why the questions you're asking matter, because everyone in the room is asking them too.



What makes Rising Leaders different isn't what we teach. It's who you meet - and who you become in the process.

Rising Leaders offers six ways to engage

Your path is your own. We're here to help you find it.



1

Onboarding Assessment

We begin where you are.

An assessment and a conversation with our regional philanthropy partner help us understand your interests, your questions, and the paths that have shaped you. This is the first step in understanding what the next chapter of your leadership might look like.



2

Curated Connections

Once we know where you're headed, we put our global network to work for you.

We make thoughtful, personal introductions to peers at a similar stage, and to leaders across the social impact space whose experience and perspective can open new doors. These aren't random networking moments. They're connections built to last.



3

Learning Journeys

You can't solve problems you haven't seen up close.

Our Learning Journeys take you into communities and contexts that expand your understanding of the world's most pressing social and environmental challenges – regional, national, and global. You go with peers. You go with questions. You come back with a broader vision.



The GPC learning journeys and retreats created a safe space that opened my mind and were fundamental in finding my purpose.”

Rubens

Rising Leader '18



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Inner Work Retreats

Leadership begins on the inside.

Our retreats create a rare kind of space: intimate, trusted, and structured around the questions that often go unasked – about purpose, privilege, identity, and legacy. You'll do this work alongside peers and in dialogue with experienced leaders from across the impact field. This is where real relationships form.

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Taking part in the program was a formative experience - encompassing not only the strength of the collective impact of philanthropy, but also deepening my self-awareness to the more subtle aspects of being in a position of privilege.”

Olavo

Rising Leader '21



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GPC Gatherings

As a Rising Leader, you may take part in GPC Regional Gatherings held in the US, Europe, and Asia alongside experienced philanthropists from around the world. These aren't conferences – they're the network in action: collaborative, cross-sector, and built on the kinds of relationships that make real change possible.



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Collaborative Communities

Rising Leaders membership also opens doors to the GPC's existing collaborative communities: thematic spaces like Shifting Food Systems where philanthropists, investors, and practitioners work together on shared challenges. These are a natural place to find your footing in the broader GPC network.



Rising Leaders strengthens the capacities that lasting impact requires

Self-Awareness

Clarity about your values, your purpose, and how you show up in the world

Systems Thinking

The ability to see complexity and act within it

Multicultural Dialogue

Fluency in the diverse perspectives that shape our world

Relationship & Trust Building

Deep, durable connections across difference

Netweaving

The art of connecting people, ideas, and resources across boundaries

Collaborative Decision Making

Leadership that brings others in, not just along

Stakeholder Engagement

The skill to convene, listen, and move people forward together

By the time you've moved through these experiences, something will have shifted – not just in what you know, but in how you lead.



UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

September 2026	UNGA (Side Event) New York City
October 2026	GPC Regional Gathering & Rising Leaders Reception Stockholm
November 2026	Rising Leaders Reception Singapore
December 2026	Rising Leaders Reception São Paulo
January 2027	Davos (Side Event) Switzerland
February 2027	GPC Learning Journey China & India
February 2027	GPC Regional Gathering & Rising Leaders Reception Hong Kong
March 2027	Rising Leaders Retreat Brazil
May 2027	Skoll (Side Event) London
May 2027	The Bridging Leadership Awards, GPC Regional Gathering & Rising Leaders Reception New York City

**Events marked "Rising Leaders" are
exclusive to Rising Leaders membership*



The Global Philanthropists Circle

Rising Leaders is part of the Global Philanthropists Circle – a global community of philanthropic families and individuals committed to addressing complex challenges through trust-building, collaboration, and systems change. Founded in 2001 by Peggy Dulany and her late father David Rockefeller Sr., the GPC is part of the broader Synergos network, and reflects its values of equity, inclusion, and collective impact.

What distinguishes the GPC isn't the size of its members' giving, but the quality of the relationships they build, and the work those relationships make possible.

Full GPC family membership is available at \$25,000/year. Rising Leaders membership is an entry point into this community.

Ready to take your next step?

Join Rising Leaders

Rising Leaders membership: \$10,000 USD/year

Note: Learning journey and retreat travel expenses are not included in membership.

Reach out to our regional contacts

We'd love to learn more about where you are in your journey.

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