



Urban Land Northwest Institute

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Committees

ULI Northwest is a network of people in every profession and sector in real estate development and land use. We rely on the expertise of our volunteer committee members to further our mission of creating thriving communities. Committee participation is open to current ULI members. Interested in joining a committee? [Express your interest online.](#)

DEI Committee

Blazes a new trail of diversity, equity, and inclusion in real estate that breaks down institutional barriers to entry and advancement for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC). Focuses on implementing action steps laid out in the [DEI Framework and Action Plan](#) drafted in 2021. The committee will continue to expand on this work focusing their efforts in five areas: Member Engagement, Programs, Education, Communication, and Partnerships.

Chairs: Rahim Abbasi, Abbasi Design Works & Seth Otto, Maul Foster Alongi

Member Engagement

Helps new and existing ULI members find meaningful and engaging leadership opportunities with ULI Northwest in Portland and beyond. Works to assess member needs and facilitates regular small-scale gatherings for new and existing members.

Open Co-Chair Potitions | Time Commitment: Monthly meetings

Programs

Curates diverse, inclusive, and highly informative events for the real estate community in the Portland region. Leads the organization of our annual Emerging Trends program and a selection of panels, keynote presentations, and other all-member marquee events. Helps to coordinate event planning efforts across the other District Council member committees.

Chairs: Tina McNerthney, Urban Development + Partners & Adam Weis, IBI Group

Time Commitment: Monthly meetings and one event per quarter

Community Engagement

Technical Assistance Panel | TAP

Through ULI Northwest, non-profits and municipal leaders have access to a unique perspective and a multidisciplinary team of real estate experts whose collective advisory guidance can only be found in one organization. ULI Northwest's Technical Assistance Panels provide comprehensive and strategic advice in response to a specific land use or development assignment.

Time Commitment: 1-2 days per TAP including a tour of the site and panelist deliberation and presentation

UrbanPlan

Volunteers help plan and facilitate realistic, engaging workshops in which community leaders, university students, high school students, and/or public officials, learn about the fundamental forces that affect real estate development in our communities.

Chair: Jenny Jenkins, Level Development NW

Time Commitment: Monthly meetings and 2-3 volunteer days in the classroom per year

Leadership Initiatives

Our mission is to provide leadership in the responsible use of land and in creating and sustaining thriving communities. ULI Northwest carries forth this goal by supporting leadership initiatives that facilitate and build on these principles throughout our community.

Center for Leadership | CFL

The Center for Leadership is a leadership and professional development program for mid-career professionals in the real estate industry. CFL participants engage with experienced leadership and executive coaches, industry experts, and national thought leaders on the region's most pressing issues.

Chairs: May So, Mithun & Open Co-Chair Position | Time Commitment: 6 full session days from April – December

NEXT

NEXT is a group of diverse, mid-career industry professionals poised to take on greater leadership roles in their industries over the next ten years. Co-Chairs plan and facilitate internal discussions around topics impacting the NEXT cohort both professionally and personally. Members develop their leadership skills, access key leaders, and build connections with their industry peers.

Chair: Mike Sager, Lease Crutcher Lewis | Time Commitment: Monthly meetings and one event per quarter

Women's Leadership Initiative | WLI

WLI strives to promote the advancement of women throughout their careers, to increase the number of women who serve in leadership positions, and to increase the visibility of women leaders in our region, industry and within ULI. The ULI Northwest WLI also aims to address broader diversity initiatives.

Chairs: Paige Morgan, CBRE & Jessica Woodruff, Community Development Partners

Time Commitment: Monthly meetings and one event per quarter

Young Leaders Group | YLG

YLG offers professionals under the age of 35 a variety of opportunities to become actively involved in helping shape the region's conversations around land use planning and development including mentorship programs, workshops, happy hours, and more!

Chairs: Braden Bernards, Cole Valley Partners & Jamison Loos, Ethos Development

Time Commitment: Monthly meetings and one event per quarter

Product Councils

Based on the national model, these local versions meet once a quarter and are comprised of public and private sector professionals who make outstanding contributions to their sectors. Meeting agendas are crafted by the Chairs and include presentations of relevant topics and issues. ULI membership is a requirement for product council participation. Product Council dues are \$400 with a discount for municipal and non-profit members. *Participation is by invitation, [express your interest online](#).*

Suburban Product Council

Provides professional development opportunities and a forum for issues specific to suburban development. The mission of this group is to further the adoption of best practices, learn from one another, extend our friendships, and help educate others about poorly understood aspects of our industry and its many contributions to the region's economy.

Chair: Roy Kim, Central Bethany Development & Cheryl Twete, City of Beaverton

Urban Product Council

Convenes leaders in urban commercial and multi-family product groups to further the adoption of best practices, exchange ideas, and help educate others about poorly understood aspects of the multifamily sector and its contributions to the region's economy.

Chair: Jill Sherman, Edlen & Co.