



Urban Land Institute Northwest

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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.](#)

ESG Committee

ESG committee has been named ULI Net Zero Imperative Cohort for 2025 and awarded a grant for a Technical Assistance Panel on the adoption of grid-interactive efficient building solutions in the Northwest.

Chairs: Devesh Nimul, Real Building Consultants & Meghan Brookler, TGE Top Down Climate Construction & Development

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 Positions | Time Commitment: Monthly meetings

Programs

Curates diverse, inclusive, and highly informative events for the real estate community in the Portland region.

Chairs: Adam Weis, Arcadis & Isaac Barrow, Portland General Electric

Sponsorship & Business Development

Advises annual sponsorship for Oregon and dual market sponsors, creates event-specific packages, and manages sponsor stewardship and prospecting for future sponsors.

Open Co-Chair Positions | Time Commitment: Monthly meetings

UrbanPlan Committee

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.

Chairs: Stacy Blanton, Capstone & Channa Kim, Central Bethany Development

Volunteer with UrbanPlan

UrbanPlan volunteers visit classrooms and facilitate discussions with students as students redevelop a fictional site plan. One of the most rewarding volunteer programs ULI offers! [Volunteer Interest Form](#)

Technical Assistance

ULI Northwest's Technical Assistance Panels provide comprehensive and strategic advice in response to a specific land use or development assignment.

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

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: Michael Barrett, HBX Studios

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: Yvonne Inserra, First American Title & Lindsey Sonnen GINN Group

Young Leaders Group | YLG

YLG offers professionals under the age of 35 a variety of opportunities to become involved in shaping the region's conversations in the industry. This includes the Partnership Forum Groups, where you can grow your professional skills through mentorship, Peer to Peer workshops, happy hours, and more!

Chairs: Zac Brown, Walker & Dunlop & Rachel Naujock, Hacienda CDC

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.

Chairs: Brenner Daniels, DIG Real Estate & Carrie Kahn, JLL

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.

Chairs: Peter Andrews, Melvin Mark & Charlie Kuntz, Hines