



New York

Young Leaders Group

December 2021 Newsletter

Dear ULI New York,

As 2021 comes to an end, we find ourselves in the midst of a holiday season with celebrations cut short by another wave of COVID-19. Our annual Young Leader holiday party last week was one of the many celebrations postponed. While we may not be able to currently celebrate in a large group, we are still able to celebrate the Young Leaders sense of community (which has only strengthened the past two years), the progress we have made in the past year, and the chance to look forward to 2022.

Young Leaders have continued to connect virtually and - at last - in person this year. We had our first in-person YLG event since the onset of the pandemic, touring Tishman Speyer's The Spiral in Hudson Yards, which quickly sold out. We have engaged many of our members in our new Cohort Program and continued to attract new members who have joined our group. This newsletter and our social media has become a place to connect and shine a spotlight on our talented and diverse members.

As we look forward to a new year, it's a chance to celebrate the progress we have made in the past year as a group. We're learning how to adapt and come together in new ways and are taking what we have learned the past year with us into 2022 to better serve our members and our community.

A new year also means a new chance to get involved and add to this progress. The application for committee and leadership positions for ULI fiscal year 2023 (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023) will soon be open early in 2022. Be on the lookout for upcoming

announcements and reach out to us or the other dedicated Young Leader Co-Chairs to learn more about how you too can become further involved.

We want to thank those that have stayed engaged with our events and the Young Leaders network. Together as Communication Co-Chairs, we invite you to reach out directly to either of us any time with feedback or questions about YLG. We optimistically look forward to 2022 and wish you a healthy and prosperous new year!

Happy Holidays,

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ULI NY YLG Member Spotlight



Interviewed by Frank Futia, ULI NY YLG Communication Committee Co-Chair

We met up virtually with Tyler Blazer, AIA, an Associate with CallisonRTKL, to hear about his YLG experience and what's keeping him busy.

Q: How did you get involved in YLG?

I originally joined the YLG in Atlanta because I was passionate about the city's new developments and wanted to foster community involvement in them. When my partner and I moved to NYC in 2017, I became even more excited about the developments in the city we now call home, and knew I wanted to continue my involvement with this great organization.

Q: Do you have a favorite ULI memory or memorable event?

What I love most about ULI is the community. While not a specifically "official" ULI event, my fondest memories are from the small impromptu happy hours where I can have insightful conversations with colleagues who are passionate about making our city a better place to live.

Q: Has ULI benefited your career? What have you learned as a Young Leader?

I uprooted my career in architecture after 8 years in Atlanta and needed to find new roots in a new city. ULI was a terrific resource for establishing a network and I was able to take on responsibilities in a YLG committee within my first year in NYC.

Q: What advice would you give to Young Leaders just starting their career and involvement in ULI?

Get involved and attend events that excite you. Not all events will cater to your liking, but if you see an opportunity to create a new ULI event or get involved in planning ULI programs, I strongly encourage you to do so! One of the best things about ULI is how much of its programming is driven by the interests of its members.

Q: What are you working on now that's exciting to you?

My partner and I recently bought into a co-op in Park Slope. One of the most rewarding parts of being a new homeowner is the ability to create a space that is uniquely yours. My first project was renovating a guest bedroom into a stark and moody home office.

Q: Have you seen the architect's role in the industry changing over the course of the pandemic or going forward?

Architects can and should take a larger role in public policy. I'd like to see more architects participate in community boards, run for offices, and take on more roles to help shape our built environment to address the climate and socioeconomic problems we face.

Q: What's your passion project outside of work?

While we are still in the pandemic, my passion project continues to be our home renovation. However, coming out of the pandemic, I would like to get involved again in volunteer opportunities (like ULI's UrbanPlan and AIA's Discover Architecture) which expose younger generations to the architecture and development professions.

*If you would like to nominate a fellow YLG to be part of our YLG Member Spotlight Series (also featured on LinkedIn) please contact Frank Futia
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Our annual Get Involved! application window is opening soon! Interested in joining a ULI New York Committee? Or leading a Committee as a Co-Chair? This is your chance to become a part of the groups helping to lead ULI New York!

Keep a look out soon for email announcements and check our newyork.uli.org website for more information and links to applications starting in the new year!

Nothing but Nets

Special thanks to Industry City for hosting some of the Young Leaders Group Committee Members at the Barclays Center in early December for the Nets v. Timberwolves Game!



Ways you can get more involved in our YLG community:

All ULI New York members under the age of 35 are automatically YLG 'members.'

- To post a job: join the [LinkedIn Group](#) and share your post
- Follow: our ULI New York YLG [Instagram](#)
- To network: [attend a YLG or ULI New York event](#)
- To volunteer: apply for a ULI New York YLG committee or leadership position - application window for leadership roles and committee positions is open to ULI New York members annually January to March
- To learn more about what we do and to connect with YLG Co-Chairs or Committee Members: see the ULI New York YLG [webpage](#) or find us on the ULI Member [Directory](#)
- To suggest a story for our next newsletter: email [Frank Futia](#) and [Jackie Rushworth](#)



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