



Board Prep Program Overview

The Board Prep Program (BPP) is a comprehensive training program for young individuals who are interested in serving on nonprofit boards. It was created to teach participants how to use their leadership skills more effectively, but also to learn what it takes to be an effective board member. In its seventh year, the Board Prep program has prepared over 200 young professionals in Philadelphia to serve as exceptional board leaders.

The Board Prep Program is run by Young Involved Philadelphia (YIP), which increases civic engagement and builds relationships to connect and represent young Philadelphians. YIP strives to make Philadelphia the premier city for the next generation of leaders. The Board Prep Program is one of YIP's ongoing programs to increase the leadership role of the young professionals in the non-profit sector.

Board Prep is a six-session series running on Tuesday evenings from 6pm-8pm. There are two cohorts every year (April-May and October-November). Board Prep lecture sessions include topics around the following: 1.) Overview of Board Landscapes, Roles, and Functions 2.) Strategic Planning 3.) Legal & Ethical Responsibility 4.) Fundraising and 5.) Financial Management. The sessions include group and individual work, presentations, case studies, and moderated panel discussions.

The participants are also matched to a local nonprofit to act as their case study based upon their area of interest and expertise. The purpose of the case study is for the participant to obtain hands on knowledge of a local non-profit board and to apply the information they are learning from the lectures. Each small group of students will interview an executive director and a board chair of an organization and attend a board meeting.

At the end of the program, the participants have a graduation ceremony in which they receive recognition of program completion and have the opportunity to meet local nonprofits that are seeking board members or committee members during the nonprofit matching portion of the graduation.

If you are interested in participating in the Board Prep Program, please check this page for updates and application details: <http://younginvolvedphila.org/programs/board-prep/>

If you have any questions, feel free to email boardprep@yiphilly.org