



CYP
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PROFESSIONALS

Peer Leadership Forum | Overview



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Introduction & Overview

What is a Peer Leadership Forum (PLF)?

Like-minded people gather at Peer Leadership Forums (PLFs) for conversation to learn and share experiences, stories, goals, knowledge and wisdom for the benefit of themselves and others. PLF's bring young professionals together to find innovative solutions to common barriers.

How do CYP Peer Leadership Forums work?

PLFs are discussion groups (of 10-15 people) which get together monthly to share ideas, personal goals, and insights shared by industry leaders. The result is new friendships, new perspectives, and a lot of fun. Each PLF team is a diverse team of emerging leaders representing a wide variety of industries. Through PLF's, you gain perspective from other like-minded motivated young professionals who want to see you succeed!

Why Participate in a Peer Leadership Forum (PLF) Group?

- Lead - Dive deeper into topics covered at CYP and broader Board of Trade events.
- Connect - Develop friendships with a diverse and motivated group of young professionals.
- Innovate - Compete with other PLF teams on a project and win fabulous prizes!
- Contribute - support one charity or cause annually that matters to you.

What is the expected commitment of PLF Members?

- Attend at least 70% or 5 / 7 annual team meetings.
- Attend the PLF Kickoff event (Sept 29) and Connect event (January 28).
- Host one team meeting per year – includes managing venue, meeting agenda, and snacks (Approx. \$50).
- Participate in an annual Community Outreach initiative with your team.

How do I enroll in a CYP Peer Leadership Forum?

Peer Leadership Forums are formed every September and January. Members are invited to complete an online application at this time. Teams run from September to May and are formed based on age / life stage, industry diversity and team member goals.

"The Peer Leadership Forums (PLFs) are one of the best benefits of signing up with the Company of Young Professionals. PLFs allow you to meet, share, and build relationships with other business professionals that are in the same stage of life and career as you. I've found PLFs a great way to make long-term friendships and have a support network of people I can rely on and trust." Marcin Samiec – Technology Manger, Fresh Tracks Canada

"The PLF has added considerable value to my experience with CYP and the Board of Trade overall. I've had the opportunity to connect with some of my CYP peers in a much more intimate and interactive format, resulting in both candid discussion and active community involvement. The members of my group have formed strong personal and professional bonds, and I would highly recommend PLF to those who are looking to get the most out of CYP." Daniel Binng – Trader, CB Constantini

Engaged Leadership Certificate Credits Awarded for PLF's

All Participants – 2 Credits / meeting

Chair/Host – additional 2 Credits / meeting

Participation in a community Outreach Initiative – 2-10 Credits depending on the length