

INDIE PHILANTHROPY INITIATIVE



Fueled by collaboration and brazen innovation, the Indie Philanthropy Initiative is activating the next wave of thoughtful, proactive funding.

The Indie Philanthropy Initiative (IPI) is here to influence philanthropy to become more democratized and daring in its approaches to funding. IPI arose as a response to a call for more communication, collaboration and movement-building among philanthropic innovators who feel isolated or marginalized in mainstream philanthropy. We broadcast resources on the countless ways to give outside-the-box with an emphasis on the wisdom and creativity of players in the field. We support various peer learning environments and opportunities for collaboration--we are not doing this alone!

Highlights from 2017:

- **IPI LEADS:** IPI went international this year! We co-led the Progressive Philanthropy Engagement Lab at the [EDGE Funders Alliance conference in Barcelona](#) in April. We were invited to [Amplifier Giving](#) to host an IP 101 workshop for their Giving Circle summit and most recently, we had our first [Canadian event in Toronto](#). In every space we saw how motivated funders are to tackle systemic issues in philanthropy with creativity, joy and a real spirit of experimentation. And, we've seen how helpful and motivating IPI tools and stories are in supporting funders to make these necessary shifts.
- **IPI ONLINE:** With [new stories](#) added to the site this year we have had more than 20,000 unique visitors and over 44,000 pageviews on our website. We are active on social media and have over 1,200 followers on our social media channels, including prominent thought leaders in the field.
- **IPI STORYTELLING:** IPI partnered with National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy, to co-host a webinar titled "[Pass the Reins: Shifting Decision-Making Power in Philanthropy](#)" which had more than 250 attendees. At the Amplifier summit, we opened the day-long retreat with a Storytelling and Philanthropy workshop.
- **IPI CONSULTING:** IPI launched our [consulting branch](#) in 2016 and with that we saw a big spike in the potential reach and impact of IPI. From personal coaching of clients, to organizational collaborations with family foundations, arts funders, funder networks and donor organizers, IPI is getting asked more and more to help inform, advise and create programs for existing funder groups who need our special expertise.
- **IPI PEOPLE:** With Arianne being a part-time Director, IPI's success comes from the incredible collaboration and support from the bigger IPI team! 2017 brought us 4 new Steering Committee members, an incredible intern and continued work with IPI co-creators. Meet our team and see our list of generous IPI donors [here](#).

An extra highlight!

Our work with EDGE has been especially exciting. Through IPI, Arianne is serving as the Lead Coordinator and Facilitator for the EDGE Funders Alliance [Just Transition Collaborative](#) and [Global Engagement Lab](#). In early November, Arianne is heading to France to facilitate the first retreat of this seven-month program! There, she'll be working with a group of funders from around the world, and facilitating several sessions on how Indie Philanthropy methods and principles can work to support systemic change.

IPI is amplifying the power of people like you, inspired to reimagine funding. Together, we embolden experienced funders and those just stepping into philanthropy to try creative grantmaking approaches. We have seen how powerful, effective and transformational Indie Philanthropy can be and we can't wait to meet new partners and allies in this movement.

We want to work with you to support the growing movement of Indie Philanthropists!

While more than half of our budget is met through earned income from contracts and collaborations, private donations are the essential glue of IPI. We aim to raise \$10,000 by the end of 2017 to be able to launch 2018 at full speed. The generous support we receive is what fuels our ability to be responsive to requests from the field, broaden the reach of IPI consulting offerings, update our online resources, and continue to be a voice for change in the philanthropic sector. Please join us and support our work [here](#).

Are you interested in becoming a funding partner, client or collaborator? Do you know someone who could be? Let's talk! Contact our Director, Arianne Shaffer at [arianne\[at\]indiephilanthropy.org](mailto:arianne@indiephilanthropy.org).

P.S: Feel free to share this document with any friends or colleagues who might be interested in IPI.

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