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Audacy

2400 Market Street, 4th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19103



Opéola Bukola is an optimizer, a coach, and entrepreneur. Serving as the Executive Director of the 10k Independents Project, she has aimed her brainpower and relationships towards the collaborative goal of adding 50,000 jobs to the Philadelphia economy by 2032. As an Independent herself, she is the Principal Consultant of Lillo Consulting, a firm specializing in operations, new venture optimization, and change management. Opéola has a history working with emerging organizations, brands, and business ecosystems as a supporter and champion of entrepreneurs.

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Anne Gemmell is a writer, speaker, and policy expert, serving as the director of Policy & Advocacy on the 10k Independents Project. She is an active contributor to the national dialogue about the future of work and its impact on culture, workers, the economy and society. While working as the Director of Special Initiatives at the City of Philadelphia, she built the culture needed for deep and intentional collaboration across sectors and systems and led the future of work policy response. She is also responsible for the equitable design of the PHL-PreK program which now provides thousands of children with a quality start to learning and life.

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Alex Hillman is always thinking about the intersection of people, relationships, trust and business, all of which lead to the creation of the 10k Independents Project where he serves as Co-founder and Director of Strategy. He's an author, educator, and community builder. He splits his time between leading Indy Hall, Philly's first oldest coworking community; teaching creative people how to build their own businesses at Stacking the Bricks; and collaborating with local people and organizations towards the goal of helping 10,000 people become sustainably self-employed and adding 50,000 jobs to the Philadelphia economy.

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Upcoming Events

Women Changing the City

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Location TBD

\$30 for Members, \$60 for Guests

Lunch with the City's Leaders

Jeff Marrazzo

Co-founder and Former Founding CEO
and Board Member, Spark Therapeutics

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

11:45 AM to 1:30 PM

Location TBD

\$50 for Members, \$75 for Guests

Happy Hour Breakfast

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

GZA GeoEnvironmental

\$20 for Members, \$35 for Guests

Meet the Developers

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Location TBD

\$30 for Members, \$60 for Guests



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