

Insight on Coaching – Guest Bio

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Introduction

Kathleen Enright is the founding executive director of Grantmakers for Effective Organizations (a.k.a. GeoFunders) in Washington, D.C., a community of more than 600 funders working to maximize philanthropy's impact by advancing the effectiveness of grantmakers and their grantees.

Part of GEO's work is to advise grantmakers on how to make investments in nonprofit leadership to strengthen organizational performance. Building nonprofit leadership has been a major theme of Kathleen Enright's career thus far.

Kathleen speaks and writes regularly on issues of nonprofit and grantmaker effectiveness at national and regional gatherings of executives and trustees.

Experience

Kathleen began her career in nonprofit as a project manager for the National Association of Development Organizations Research Foundation, where she directed a Ford Foundation-funded project to encourage collaboration between nonprofits and local governments.

After six years at BoardSource, a national organization that focuses on building strong and effective nonprofit governing boards, she now serves as executive director of Grantmakers for Effective Organizations.

Education

Kathleen holds a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a master's of public administration from the George Washington University.

Professional Affiliations, Publications and Recognition

Kathleen serves on the board of Fieldstone Alliance, the advisory board of The Center for Effective Philanthropy and Independent Sector's Building Value Together Committee.

Publications include: *Investing in Leadership: Inspiration and Ideas from Philanthropy's Latest Frontier* and *Funding Effectiveness: Lessons in Building Nonprofit Capacity*.