



FUND FOR THE CITY OF NEW YORK HOSTS CROSS-SECTOR INNOVATION CONFERENCE TUESDAY APRIL 4, 2023 IN NEW YORK CITY

The conference is being held to commemorate the Fund for the City of New York's 55th anniversary and to highlight its history of fostering innovation across silos.

(New York, NY March 31, 2023)- [The Fund for The City of New York](#) will host its first [Cross-Sector Innovation Conference](#) on Tuesday April 4, 2023 from 9:00am to 7pm at the Rosenthal Pavilion at NYU's Kimmel Center in New York City. The Fund is hosting the conference in partnership with New York University. The conference will highlight the legacy of the Fund on its 55th anniversary while also looking toward the future of innovation across the sectors of public service, healthcare, workforce and youth development with a series of panel discussions.

At the Conference, three visionary leaders will be presented with the Fund for the City of New York's 2023 Innovation Award for their outstanding work connecting and working across sectors. **The 2023 Innovation Honorees are Darren Walker, President of the Ford Foundation and Sheena Wright, First Deputy Mayor of New York City.** In addition, the conference will host four outstanding panel discussions focusing on each sector: public service, healthcare, workforce and youth development. More than 200 industry leaders and professionals will attend and participate in the day's discussions.

"The FCNY conference provides the opportunity to highlight Innovation and cross sectoral collaboration in the fields of healthcare, youth development, public service and the workforce," said Lisette Nieves, President of the Fund for the City of New York. "The Fund was founded more than 50 years ago to improve the quality of life for all New Yorkers. At the conference, leaders will have the opportunity to help us further our mission by connecting across sectors, and we are confident that will result in new ideas, partnerships and strategies. We are convening to envision and realize a revitalized city."

Since its founding by the Ford Foundation in 1968, the Fund has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of all New Yorkers. The Fund's work focuses on developing and helping to implement innovations in policy, programs, practices, and technology in order to advance the functioning of government and nonprofit organizations in New York City and beyond. Key Fund programs include the Cash Flow Loan Program, the Partner Project Program, the Sloan Public Service Awards, and the Sloan Awards for Excellence in Teaching Science and Mathematics.



Cross-Sector Innovation Conference Panel Discussions

- **10:00AM – 11:00AM: Public Sector Intrapreneurs:** How can we create an environment of innovation within bureaucracy?
 - Panel Discussion moderated by Ellen Schall, Senior Presidential Fellow and Dean Emerita, NYU's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service
 - Panelists: Darryl Rattray, Deputy Commissioner of Strategic Partnerships, New York City Department of Youth & Community Development, Gesille Dixon, Vice President, Branch Programs & Services, New York Public Library, Steven Cubero, Plant Chief, Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility, New York City Department of Environmental Protection
- **11:30AM - 12:30PM: The Future of Healthcare:** What does a post-Covid healthcare sector look like in NYC and nationally?
 - Panel Discussion moderated by Linda Lausell-Bryant, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, NYU Silver School of Social Work; Director, Adaptive Leadership in Human Services Institute, NYU Silver School of Social Work
 - Panelists: Helen Arteaga Landaverde, CEO, Elmhurst Hospital, NYC Health & Hospitals, Dr. Debra Furr-Holden, Dean, NYU's School of Global Public Health, Dr. Mitchell Katz, President and Chief Executive Officer, New York City Health + Hospitals
- **2:00PM - 3:00PM: The Future of Worker(s) Panel:** How can we create a more inclusive local and national economy?
 - Panel Discussion moderated by Randy Moore, President, Clayton, Dubilier & Rice (CD&R) Foundation
 - Panelists: Maria Torres-Springer, Deputy Mayor for Economic and Workforce Development, City of New York, Dr. Noel Anderson, Steinhardt Director of Leadership and Innovation, New York University, Maria Flynn, President & CEO, Jobs for the Future
- **3:30PM – 4:30PM: Partner Project Spotlight:** How has youth development evolved and what are current challenges and opportunities within the field?
 - Panel Discussion moderated by Chris Caruso, Managing Director, School-Age Children, Robin Hood
 - Panelists: Sandra Escamilla, Executive Vice President, Children's Aid Society, Michele Cahill, Senior Advisor, XQ Institute, Sabrina Evans-Ellis, Executive Director, Center for Transformative Youth Development (CTYD), Cynthia Rivera Weissblum, President & CEO, Edwin Gould Foundation Accelerator

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