

Community Leadership Network

Community-Oriented Council Members Network

Community Leadership Network is a joint initiative by Shahaf Foundation, Israeli Movement, Kol Mekomi, the Community Centers Association, and Shita Institute.

Local council members play a pivotal role in driving social change. They have the power to strengthen community engagement and create more connected, active, and resilient cities and towns.

To equip them with practical tools and expand their influence, Shahaf Foundation established the Community-Oriented Council Members Network, bringing together elected officials from municipalities across the country. This network aims to empower local elected officials committed to community-building by providing them with essential tools and resources to foster a professional network that enables them to initiate, lead, and create meaningful impact within their municipalities.

The network enhances leadership and advocacy skills, strengthening council members' public standing and ability to influence policy. By fostering a collaborative and supportive network, the initiative promotes peer learning, expert guidance, and strategic partnerships, advancing a community-centered urban approach that bolsters local resilience and addresses societal challenges.

Network members gain access to professional training, field tours of successful community projects, and regular knowledge-sharing sessions through Zoom meetings, conferences, and expert-led workshops. They also benefit from a dedicated WhatsApp group and periodic newsletters, ensuring continuous learning and collaboration. The network operates on key principles of knowledge-sharing, leadership development, transparency, and cross-sector partnerships, all aimed at creating a stronger, more connected, and impact-driven municipal community across Israel.