Drupal-Salesforce Platform Now Open to National Philanthropy Serving Organizations

The Forum is proud to announce that the Drupal-Salesforce Collaborative is now open to interested national philanthropy serving organizations that are associations of grantmakers.

For more than a decade the Forum's regional philanthropy serving organization members have collaborated to launch, support, and maintain their websites and integrated membership database on a common technology platform, all the while cultivating a thriving peer support and learning community.

In light of the Forum's new vision to become the place where philanthropy's infrastructure comes together, in 2017 the Forum embarked on a pilot program to explore the overlapping requirements of regional and national associations of grantmakers. Specifically, Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees, Mission Investors Exchange, and Neighborhood Funders Group joined the collaboration as our pilot group. As we're finalizing onboarding these pilots, we're happy to report that our Drupal-Salesforce Platform developed by the Forum Network can accommodate the needs of both regional and national associations of grantmakers.

Members of the Forum interested in learning more about our collective technology collaborative should visit www.unitedphilforum.org/drupal-salesforce-platform and contact Val Rozansky for an initial consultation. With the help of the Advisory Group for this project, Forum will conduct an evaluation of every candidate to determine eligibility and if there is a mutual fit. The technology platform is designed for associations of Grantmakers. In addition, this project is structured as a collaboration and requires meaningful staff capacity to participate. We ask that you consider the following questions and expectations for participation:

- Do you have sufficient staffing to join this collaborative?
- Do you have sufficient budget to participate?
- Can you make a commitment to participate in this learning community?
- Can you respect the community norms of your fellow co-investors? The Forum and its members are not vendors. Everyone is an equal partner in the collaborative.
- Are you comfortable sharing with your fellow co-investors about your technology needs in an atmosphere of transparent collegial cooperation?
- Can you assume responsibility for ongoing, routine maintenance and system updates?
- Can you commit to staying informed about enhancements made to the project? Members are constantly innovating on behalf of the collaborative. You are not required to adopt any enhancements, but you are expected to stay informed so that you can choose whether or not to opt-in.

For more information, Forum members should read the current Memorandum of Agreement that governs this technology collaborative and contact Val Rozansky for more details.