

LEILA PEDERSEN

Raleigh, NC

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Strategic, collaborative leader with 15+ years of experience advancing social change, economic mobility, and civic innovation through cross-sector partnerships and programs. Proven track record advising government, philanthropic, and nonprofit executives to translate policy priorities and community needs into scalable programs and measurable impact. Known for designing and managing complex, multi-stakeholder initiatives that align funding, technical assistance, and operational systems to strengthen service delivery and expand economic opportunity. Skilled in strategic planning, facilitation, performance measurement, and building high-performing, learning-oriented teams across state and local government, statewide networks, and national intermediary ecosystems.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

DIRECTOR | Raleigh, NC **2024-present** **City of Raleigh Innovation Team**

Launched and lead Raleigh's participation in a Bloomberg Philanthropies-funded, 25-city, \$200M investment

- Develop and implement multi-year strategies that align cross-sector partners around shared priorities and initiatives
- Advise elected and senior leadership on policy, program, and partnership opportunities to accelerate social progress
- Design and manage cross-sector partnerships aligning public agencies, philanthropy, and community organizations
- Serve as a trusted advisor to the Mayor and City Manager, providing strategic insights and executive briefings
- Cultivate a high-performing team culture grounded in curiosity, creativity, collaboration, and continuous learning

FOUNDER & CEO | Raleigh, NC **2022-present** **Triangle Solutions Consulting**

Founded a social impact consultancy supporting philanthropic, government, and nonprofit leaders through strategy execution, donor engagement, grantmaking, and capacity building

- Advise foundations and civic leaders on strategy development, grantmaking, and partnership development
- Lead cross-sector engagements to translate research and insights into shared goals and actionable strategies
- Conduct landscape analyses to identify collaboration opportunities, capacity gaps, and high-impact investments
- Design monitoring, evaluation, and learning frameworks that integrate quantitative data, qualitative insights, and field feedback to guide adaptive strategy and continuous improvement
- Select Clients: Ford Foundation, Durham County, Opportunity@Work, FUSE, and Edge Collaborative

EXECUTIVE FELLOW | Durham, NC **2021-2022** **FUSE Corps | City of Durham**

Senior advisor to City Manager supporting equitable economic recovery and federal funding implementation

- Designed and implemented a participatory grantmaking strategy to allocate \$100M in ARPA funds, aligning community priorities with educational, workforce, small business, and public health investments
- Developed partnerships to improve vaccine equity and strengthen coordination among stakeholders
- Engaged residents, public officials, and institutional partners to inform funding decisions and program design

SENIOR POLICY & POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT ROLES **2010-2018** **EMILYs List | Common Cause | New America**

Across policy, advocacy, and program leadership roles, translated complex constraints into strategic initiatives and measurable outcomes

- Built partnerships across advocacy organizations, policymakers, and elected leaders to align and advance shared goals
- Launched and managed programs supporting public officials and social impact leaders instituting democratic reforms
- Led strategic planning and program execution, managing teams, budgets, and timelines to deliver high-impact initiatives

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Creative Problem-Solving
- Cross-Sector Partnership
- Data-Informed Decisions
- Facilitation & Collaboration
- Learning Frameworks
- Performance Measurement
- Program & Portfolio Management
- Service Delivery & Innovation
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Strategic Communication
- Team Leadership & Coaching
- Economic Mobility Strategies

EDUCATION

London School of Economics and Political Science
Executive Master of Public Administration

London, UK
May 2019

University of California, Berkeley
B.A. Psychology, Minor Public Policy

Berkeley, CA
December 2010

LEADERSHIP & TRAINING

ASPEN INSTITUTE FELLOW | Workforce Leadership Academy

- United Way of the Greater Triangle regional leadership program focused on workforce innovation

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING | Johns Hopkins University Carey Business School

- Completed coursework in Leadership, Management, Executive Presence, and Organizational Development

GOODMAN FELLOW | Leadership Triangle

- Regional leadership development program focused on state and local policy and civic engagement

FELLOW | New Leaders Council Institute

- Leadership development program in entrepreneurship, fundraising, communications, and campaigns

FELLOWSHIP DIRECTOR | Roosevelt Institute Summer Academy

- Directed and mentored undergraduate fellows placed at public policy and nonprofit organizations

POLITICAL DIRECTOR | Women's Information Network

- Elected leadership role supporting women in policy advocacy and public service

WOMEN & POLITICS INSTITUTE | American University School of Public Affairs

- Bipartisan leadership training program supporting women in politics and public leadership

CO-FOUNDER | UC Berkeley Public Service Center Alumni Network

- Co-created and alumni engagement network supporting community service initiatives

FACILITATOR | Code for America Summit

- Designed and led workshop for 100+ participants on digital solutions for public sector challenges