# ERIC GURNA

## Nonprofit Executive, Facilitator, Coach, Consultant



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### SKILLS

Nonprofit Management

Facilitation

Professional Development

Advocacy

**Board Development** 

Coaching

Leadership

Change Management

#### EDUCATION

Master of Science Urban Policy The New School for Social Research

Bachelor of Arts Political Science University of California, Irvine

#### TRAINING

Certificate in Interim Executive Leadership, Third Sector Company

Foundations for Systems Leadership with Peter Senge

Trauma-Informed Practice with Pia Escudero

Open Space Technology with Harrison Owen

Theater of the Oppressed with Augusto Boal

#### SUMMARY

I am an experienced nonprofit executive and consultant committed to supporting the work of organizations dedicated to community and youth development and social justice.

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

President & CEO LA's BEST Afterschool Enrichment Program Los Angeles, CA

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2015-2021

- Led \$40 million organization that serves over 25,000 children in close to 200 schools, a partnership between the City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Unified School District and the private sector.
- Collaborated with major stakeholders including Board of Directors, Advisory Board, Mayor's Office, City Council, school district, foundations, corporate partners and private donors.
- Led strategic direction, fund development, governmental relations, public advocacy, communications, financial management and administration and partnerships to enrich the program and enhance the organizational vision.
- Led advocacy campaigns to secure over \$7M in increased ongoing public funds, secured largest single donation in organizational history (\$2M).

Founder, President & CEO Development Without Limits New York, NY 2000 - 2015

- Secured \$1 million in contracts annually for professional development and direct service organizations in youth development field, including contracts with city, state, and federal funders.
- Led budgeting, subcontracting, hiring, and staff management.
- Designed and managed technical assistance for New York City's Beacon and Out-of-School Time programs including training workshops, program management consulting, and coaching under contracts
- Produced and hosted *Please Speak Freely* podcast featuring interviews with leaders in youth development and education.
- Designed and facilitated hundreds of staff development workshops, coaching and technical assistance for youth and community-based organizations in New York and nationally.

Director of Staff Development LA's BEST Afterschool Enrichment Program Los Angeles, CA 1998 - 2000

Education Coordinator Harlem Children's Zone New York, NY 1997 - 1998