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Coro Pittsburgh invites public to free social innovation fair

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[Coro Pittsburgh](#) invites the community to a free Social Innovation Fair on Aug. 14 which will showcase innovative regional organizations finding new ways to solve community problems.

The Social Innovation Fair hopes to get people thinking about how we can solve tough social problems as we do our day-to-day work, explains Lynne Ventress, director of fellowships for Coro. "Social innovation is not just for nonprofits; it benefits businesses and government agencies as well.

"Pittsburgh is such a creative city, but we also have difficult problems like blighted vacant properties and under-performing public schools.

We can harness the talent of our government, business and

nonprofit professionals to solve these problems. We can also become a national leader in the field of social innovation."

The day includes a presentation of relevant ideas for the region and a panel discussion led by social innovation experts. The goal is for attendees to leave with ideas they can use on the job and information to start new projects, Ventress says.

The presenting Panelists include: Lois Martin, Bethlehem Haven; Phyllis Barber, Highmark; Felix Lloyd, Skill-Life; and Vivien Luk, Forbes Funds.

The fair will run from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information or to register, email Kelsey Halling at khalling@coropittsburgh.org

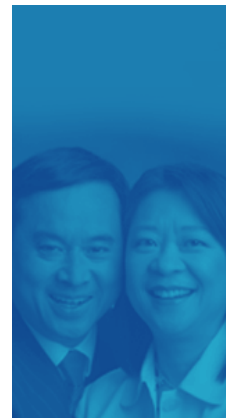
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