



YOUNG ERIE PROFESSIONALS

Mission:

Young Erie Professionals is dedicated to providing opportunities for emerging leaders and career-minded peers to develop professionally, while actively participating in their community to connect, attract, and retain young talent in the local workforce.

History:

In May 2002, two Erie natives, Julie Krumpe Groenendaal and Keith Overfield, co-founded Young Erie Professionals, also known as YEP. Julie and Keith established the organization because many of their peers departed the region in search of better career opportunities and more vibrant cities. Julie and Keith were determined to retain young professionals to the Erie area. Their goal was to create an organization dedicated to providing its members with the opportunity to network professionally with peers, while actively participating in their community.

Young Erie Professionals is a program of Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership.

BENEFITS OF BEING A YOUNG ERIE PROFESSIONAL:

Who are we?

- 21-40 year old professionals in the greater Erie area
- Energized professionals looking to form community and contribute to the future of Erie
- 200+ members, comprised of Erie's next thought-leaders & change-makers

What will I get from my YEP membership?

- Knowledge about what's going on in and around Erie
- One-on-one interactions and learning with leaders and top executives in the community
- Professional and Leadership skill development
- A community of like-minded individuals
- An opportunity to contribute your voice to the future of Erie

Committees:

Community & Civic Engagement Committee is a group of passionate people, eagerly working to make Erie the best place to live, work, learn and play. The committee is responsible for engaging YEP members in community events, civic leadership, and providing a space for young adult voices.

Entrepreneurship Committee is comprised of young and aspiring entrepreneurs who believe that Erie offers significant business opportunity, but also recognize that growth can be accelerated by collaboration as a community of peers. The committee is responsible for engaging YEP members in entrepreneurial awareness and training in the creation and operation of successful small businesses.

Manufacturing Committee keeps a pulse on what's happening with our local manufactures. The committee connects, develops, and empowers young manufacturing professionals in Erie County. The committee's goal is to raise awareness and bring enthusiasm to manufacturing in Erie.

Member and Business Engagement Committee strives to engage new and current members, businesses, and any prospective Young Erie Professionals located in the Erie Area. This committee focuses their energy on retention, recruitment and planning of various events focused on how we can best meet the needs of our Young Erie Professional members.

Professional Leadership Development Committee is focused on career growth & expansion by providing a pathway to leadership education and skill development. This committee also aims to help YEP members build professional associations & contacts through both internal and external events.

To learn more and register to join, visit yeperie.org or contact us at info@yeperie.org.