

MARIAH NEUROTH

SUMMARY | Mariah Neuroth is an elite manager of people and projects. She began her nonprofit career working with refugee youth through the organization now known as RefugeeOne. She helped to build from its inception the Interfaith Youth Core, where as Senior Program Director she created curricula, managed an exponentially growing staff, and traveled the world with young people establishing meaningful connections across lines of ethnicity, faith, and background. As Chief Program Officer at Umoja Student Development Corporation and Producing Director at Young Chicago Authors, she built powerful teams and the systems to support them while developing and implementing innovative platforms for young people to grow, express themselves, and exercise their power. In her role as Strategic Innovation Director for the Chicago Reader, Mariah supported a staff of 30 as they navigated a transition to a nonprofit newsroom during the realities of the pandemic.

Through Mariah's consulting work, organizations have delved deep into the questions of what allows their staff to succeed, and used that information to create systems, policies, and structures. She has led organization-wide initiatives to reduce silos among teams and departments, piloted multi-year citywide projects using the arts to bring people together, helped organizations identify and live out their core values, coached individuals into unforeseen levels of productivity and effectiveness in their work, and deepened understanding within and among teams to maximize their functioning. Mariah brings to her work over two decades of experience as a non-profit executive, strategy consultant, professional development trainer, program developer, project manager and event planner. Her commitment to organizations and the communities they serve drive her creativity, dedication to relationship building, and passion for the necessary work of the people and projects she supports.

EXPERIENCE | **NEU MANAGEMENT**
FOUNDING MANAGER
2019 – PRESENT

Manage elite clients and projects focusing on cultural curation, social innovation, and strategic community alliance. Clients include Alternatives, Inc., Cradle Cincinnati, Kevin Coval, The O'My's, Noname, Eboo Patel, Lyric Opera of Chicago, Metro Chicago, Soho House Chicago, The People Speak, Young Chicago Authors.

APPRECIATIVE SOLUTIONS GROUP

FOUNDING COACH

2014 – PRESENT

Create customized solutions for individuals and organizations seeking strategic development, advanced impact, and new tools for mission pursuit. Services include executive and managerial coaching, organizational culture and team reinvigoration, strategic action planning and implementation, hands-on fundraising training and support, and powerful program and curriculum development. Clients include the Lyric Opera of Chicago/Lyric Unlimited, Youth & Opportunity United (Y.O.U.), Kenneth Young Center, Envision Unlimited, Chicago Slam Works, Interfaith Worker Justice, Interfaith Youth Core.

CHICAGO READER

STRATEGIC INNOVATION DIRECTOR

2020-2021

Manage all special projects both internally and externally for the organization as it transitions from a for profit to a nonprofit newsroom. Develop community engagement strategies, merchandise, and events to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the paper.

YOUNG CHICAGO AUTHORS

DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

2019-2020

Focus on strategy and design for innovation projects to support organizational shift to include multidisciplinary artforms. Oversee national engagement projects to grow the field including a national symposium with over 100 community partners, national trainings and support as partners translate the YCA model to their city. Support the organization as it builds its community accountability initiatives to deepen inclusion, safety, and organizational response to issues of harm. Develop and grow workforce development model between organization and creative agencies across Chicago. Manage all special projects and pilot research for organizational growth and coordinate amongst current leadership to integrate successful elements into organizational framework.

DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING AND PRODUCTION

2013-2019

Produce all organizational public events including the annual Louder Than A Bomb Youth Poetry Festival, including more than 90 events and 10,000+ audience members. Supervise staff, manage budgets and production schedules, work with Directors team on organizational vision and growth.

COMMUNITY/SCHOOLS LIAISON

2011-2013

Developed and managed relationships with schools and community groups citywide, including fee for service programming, educator professional development and networking opportunities.

VOICES OF A PEOPLE'S HISTORY

CHICAGO DIRECTOR

2011 – 2016

Developed and led programming, large-scale performances, and educator training around the work of Howard Zinn. Created extensive curriculum for use by educators in community and school-based settings.

UMOJA STUDENT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

CHIEF PROGRAM OFFICER

2008 – 2011

Developed, implemented, and evaluated programs based on core organizational initiatives. Provided staff supervision, brand identity management, and staff professional development. As member of Executive Management Team, provided input and guidance on organizational development and vision.

INTERFAITH YOUTH CORE

CHARTER MEMBER / DIRECTOR OF MEDIA & CULTURE

2007 – 2008

Focus areas included: program development, implementation, evaluation, financial management and staff supervision for the central media, public relations, web production, design, and story collection program.

CHARTER MEMBER / SENIOR PROGRAM DIRECTOR

2003 – 2007

Focus areas included: project development, implementation and documentary footage collection for international youth exchange between the U.S. and Jordan. Program development, implementation, evaluation, and fundraising.

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY

Adjunct Faculty, 2005-2006

HERMIT ARTS

CO-FOUNDER AND EDUCATION DIRECTOR

2002 – 2005

Designed and implemented education programs for a Chicago-based arts organization focusing on educator training and arts education.

REFUGEE ONE

2001 – 2003

Designed and implemented youth program for a multi-million dollar refugee resettlement agency.

CONSULTANCIES & CIVIC AND PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- Youth Council Director, Peace Hub Chicago
- Consulting Production Manager, Umoja Student Development Corporation
- Chair, Haitian Aid Committee, Pan African Association
- Board of Directors, Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation

EDUCATION |

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO

GRADUATE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

MASTERS OF EDUCATION IN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, 2013

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, COLUMBIA MO

BACHELOR OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES, 2001

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS EXECUTIVE EDUCATION SEMINAR,
STRATEGY FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, 2008

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