



YOUNG ERIE PROFESSIONALS

Top Young Professional —

**NETWORKING AND**

**DEVELOPMENT GROUPS**

— In Erie County



***Networking in real life still matters, but most people, especially young professionals, can find it challenging to discover ways to effectively network. One of the easiest solutions is to join a professional organization.***

**Here are a few reasons why:**

- The events are often structured to include and encourage networking
- Everyone is there for a similar reason, providing a common ground for discussion
- On top of networking, organizations provide the added advantage of professional development

Niche, industry specific organizations have their benefits, but we are partial to organizations (like YEP) that are dedicated specifically to young professionals and cut across all sectors. Broad groups inspire new ideas and allow for surprise connections that can lead to new and exciting things. In the following pages you will find a list of local professional organizations that are either dedicated to young professionals or are frequented by young professionals.

**Our mission at YEP:**

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.

**Is your organization not on the list? Let us know and we can get you added!**

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**American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) of Western Pennsylvania –**

To create an environment where healthcare leaders can access industry-leading education, network with colleagues from a diverse base of healthcare leaders, and support each other in advancement to Fellow status and achievement of career goals.

<http://westpa.ache.org/>

**APARTMENT ASSOCIATION OF NWPA –**

Founded in 1977, the Apartment Association of Northwestern Pennsylvania is a not-for-profit organization that provides information and services in the residential rental industry. Our 1500 plus members are owners and property managers who rent residential property in Northwestern, PA (Erie, Warren, and Crawford counties).

<http://www.aptassoc.com/>

**ASSOCIATION OF FUNDRAISING PROFESSIONALS (AFP) –**

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) is the professional association of individuals and organizations that generate philanthropic support for a wide variety of charitable institutions. Founded in 1960, AFP advances philanthropy through its more than 30,000 members in 240-plus chapters throughout the world.

<http://www.afpnet.org/>

**ATHENA CIRCLE OF TRUST –**

ACT I and II (ATHENA Circle of Trust) are cohorts of emerging female leaders who empower each other to develop executive and leadership skills and advocate for one another as leaders in the Erie community. The success of ACT is based on trust and confidentiality, and the cohort participates in an extensive retreat to build rapport among its members. Accordingly, both ACT cohorts are closed to new members at this time. Each cohort anticipates an opportunity to invite new members to join in the future.

<http://www.athenaerie.org/athena-circle-of-trust.html>

**ATHENA ERIE –**

Comprised of dedicated volunteers representing a diverse group of professional men and women committed to supporting the leadership of women and inspiring women to achieve their full business and professional potential.

<http://www.athenaerie.org/>

**COFFEE CLUB DIVAS –**

The Coffee Club Divas is a professional women's networking group based in Erie, PA. The first CCD meeting, held in 2011, was attended by 20 women. Since then our membership has grown to 200+ professionals, and we now offer networking and educational opportunities worldwide. We are a diverse and dynamic group of women, including entrepreneurs, business owners and corporate professionals.

We empower women to make professional connections, boldly pursue personal and business goals, gain networking skills and business training. Our mission is to educate and inspire women to succeed in all aspects of life!

**ERIE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION –**

The Erie County Bar Association serves the lawyers, judges and the public of Erie County, Pennsylvania by assisting our members in the practice of law and by engaging in activities that promote the public's understanding of and respect for our American system of law and justice.

<https://www.eriebar.com/>

**ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY –**

The Erie County Medical Society is a voluntary, non-profit professional organization of physicians, both MD and DO, in Erie, PA, founded in 1828. Our mission is to advance the standards of medical care, to uphold the ethics of the medical profession, and to serve the public with important and reliable health information.

<http://www.eriecountymedicalsociety.org/>

**ERIE DESIGN GROUP –**

Through the discussion and celebration of all facets of design, including graphic design, UX design, UX design, information architecture, industrial design, city planning, and organizational design.

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/erie.designers/?ref=br\\_rs](https://www.facebook.com/groups/erie.designers/?ref=br_rs)

**ERIE REGIONAL CHAMBER AND GROWTH PARTNERSHIP –**

The growth of our vibrant community in Erie, PA depends on a dynamic business environment. We are the voice of the business community and strive to attract, retain and expand business in the Erie region.

<http://www.eriepa.com>

**ERIE WOMEN'S FUND –**

Women-led donor advised fund devoted to Empowering Women and Families. You are part of a women-led philanthropic group whose mission is to increase awareness about our community, and use that awareness to drive positive change.

<https://www.eriecommunityfoundation.org/partners/erie-womens-fund>

**FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION –**

This group of enthusiastic young leaders who want to understand more about community issues. These professionals care deeply about the Erie region, and enjoy learning how ECF works with individuals, nonprofits and local leadership in order to address our most pressing needs.

<https://www.eriecommunityfoundation.org/partners/friends-of-the-erie-community-foundation>

**GERIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER ASSOCIATION –**

To foster and enhance professionalism among the nursing home and geriatric health related social workers, case managers and professionals.

<https://www.facebook.com/GSWAERIE/>

**HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHWEST PENNSYLVANIA –**

We are an affiliate of the Society for Human Resource Management. Whether you are new to the HR field or have many years of experience, we are a local starting point for networking, information, professional development and continued support of excellence in Human Resources.

We welcome your use of this site as a resource, and encourage you to check back frequently for updated information. We also encourage your involvement and suggestions about all of our activities, on the web and off.

<https://hrmanwpa.shrm.org/>

**INDEPENDENT COUNCIL ON AGING –**

The Independent Council on Aging, Inc. (ICA) is a voluntary, not-for-profit coalition of individuals, agencies and businesses from the public and private sectors who provide services to senior citizens in Erie and Erie County.

<http://www.icaerie.org/>

**KIWANIS CLUB OF ERIE –**

The Kiwanis Club of Erie is a thriving organization of service-minded woman and men who are helping every day to improve our community.

Our members are ordinary people who perform extraordinary "hands-on" work.

Our members are from all walks of life and at every step of their career ladder, unified in their belief that children and our community benefit from the efforts of a proficient group of caring and involved volunteers.

<http://www.eriekiwanis.org/>

**MANUFACTURERS AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (MBA) –**

Founded in 1905, the Manufacturer & Business Association is a not-for-profit employers' association whose focus is to help businesses succeed. We partner with businesses in Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio, providing a host of membership benefits including: HR Planning and Consulting, Legal Services/Hotline, Training/Development, Energy Advisors, Surveys, Employee Benefits, Computer Training.

<http://www.mbausa.org>

**PICPA –**

The Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants is composed of 11 regional chapters that host educational and social events for fellow CPAs in your area. There are a variety of PICPA chapter leadership opportunities ranging from committee involvement to officer positions. Select your PICPA chapter below to get started.

<https://www.picpa.org/chapters/erie>

**PRESQUE ISLE ROTARY CLUB –**

We've been making a difference in our community for nearly 100 years, whether it's helping raise funds for vital regional services like a local dialysis center to championing literacy through our Thesaurus Project. If you're looking to become part of an organization that has a long-term and powerful impact on the community, please join us.

[www.presqueislerotary.org](http://www.presqueislerotary.org)

**ROTARY CLUB OF ERIE –**

The Rotary Club of Erie is a club of business and organizational leaders providing help to those at risk not only in Erie but internationally. We belong to Rotary International. The local club is where most of Rotarians' meaningful service work is carried out.

<http://www.erierotary.org/>

**THE CODERIE –**

The Coderie is a group of software developers in and around the Erie area that believe strongly in the power of community and information sharing. We like to meet up, and discuss all sorts of different software development related topics. While we tend to focus on open source software, we welcome topics from proprietary stacks as well - things to learn from everywhere! Some of our members also organize the Erie Day of Code conference. Come join us for good times and working to improve the tech scene in Erie, PA

[https://www.meetup.com/coderie/?\\_cookie-check=yfjDzZbfHb8OuLa](https://www.meetup.com/coderie/?_cookie-check=yfjDzZbfHb8OuLa)

**THE ERIE AD CLUB –**

The Erie Ad Club is a trade organization that includes a diverse membership of local business leaders, marketing and advertising professionals, educators and students.

The Erie Ad Club exists to support its members, the community and the advertising industry. Its mission is to promote fellowship, education and career enhancement among members of the advertising community; foster and recognize excellence in advertising; champion public service causes; build an understanding of the role and benefits of advertising at all levels; and encourage advertising self-regulation and continuous improvement to raise industry benchmarks. The organization serves advertising professionals from the Erie and Crawford County areas.

<http://www.erieadclub.org/>

**THE PUBLIC RELATIONS SOCIETY OF AMERICA –**

PRSA is the world's largest organization for public relations professionals. The Society has nearly 32,000 professional and student members. PRSA is organized into more than 100 Chapters nationwide, 19 Professional Interest Sections and Affinity Groups, which represent business and industry, counseling firms, independent practitioners, military, government, associations, hospitals, schools, professional services firms and nonprofit organizations.

The PRSA Northwestern Pennsylvania Chapter is the professional organization that brings together public relations, communications and marketing practitioners throughout Erie, PA.

<http://www.prsanwpa.org/>

**THE WOMAN'S ROUNDTABLE –**

The Women's Roundtable is a charitable professional networking organization located in Erie, Pennsylvania for women entrepreneurs, professional women, and all women with strong interests in helping other women to attain their goals.

The Women's Roundtable was formed in 1987 to achieve under a core philosophy of growth, excellence, motivation, and strength. We operate as a networking organization, providing professional, educational, social and charitable activities; share experiences and expertise with others; develop the leadership talents of women in Northwestern Pennsylvania; and encourage and recognize the contributions and accomplishments of area women.

<http://www.wrterie.org/>

**YOUNG LEADERS SOCIETY - UNITED WAY OF ERIE COUNTY'S YOUNG LEADERS SOCIETY (YLS) –**

Designed for a new generation of community leaders. As a member, you'll benefit from exclusive opportunities to network with other key players and experienced business leaders, volunteer for community projects and develop leadership skills. Individuals or couples who annually contribute \$500 or more to United Way, and are between the ages of 31 and 45, are eligible to join YLS. NEW! Individuals or couples who annually contribute \$250 or more to United Way and are between the ages of 21 and 30 are eligible to join Young Leaders Society.

<https://www.unitedwayerie.org/yls>