



Amy Wheeler

Qualifications Summary

Dynamic leader with 25+ years of experience in the nonprofit sector. Adept at supporting organizations through transition and growth, innovating mission-centric earned revenue programs and events that inspire charitable giving and engage community. Expertise in supporting leadership transitions, building organizational and equitable capacity, managing crisis and change, and guiding strategic planning.

Professional History

Valtas Group	Consultant	2023 – Present
Mesa Refuge	Organizational Consultant	2022 – Present
Artist Communities Alliance	Member, National Board	2020 – Present
Hedgebrook	Executive Director	2006 – 2020
Cornish College of the Arts	Adjunct Professor	2003 – 2006
Hugo House & Freehold Theatre Studio Lab	Creative Writing Teacher	2002 – 2006
ACT Theatre Young Playwrights Program	Teaching Artist	2002 – 2006
Professional Theatre Artist	Playwright	2000 – Present

Accomplishments

- Awarded a 2020 Prowda Literary Champions Award by Seattle Arts & Lectures
- Supporting Mesa Refuge's leadership transition, organizational growth and new strategies in its 25th anniversary year
- As Hedgebrook's Executive Director:
 - Catalyzed a culturally diverse alumnae community of influential writers and thought leaders, who are reaching millions of readers and audiences through their creative works, TEDTalks, OpEds, podcasts & blogs.
 - Created groundbreaking programs, expanding Hedgebrook's reach into new industries (film, theatre, music, TV), mentoring young writers, and producing writing classes in Italy, India and online.
 - Grew the annual budget from \$600K to \$1.7M, raising an additional \$4.5M for capital, capacity building, endowment and cash reserves.
 - Innovated fee-for-service programs, creating new revenue streams that increased earned income from \$13K to \$325K.
 - Created & produced EQUIVOX, Hedgebrook's popular Seattle fundraiser that draws 300+ guests and generates \$400K+.

Licenses / Education

- Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts, Cornish College of the Arts
- Master of Fine Arts, University of Iowa Playwrights Workshop
- Bachelor of General Studies, Theatre Arts, University of Kansas

Previous Valtas Assignments

- Strategic Advisor, The Earshot Jazz Society of Seattle, 2023 – Present
- Strategic Advisor, National Film Festival for Talented Youth (NFFTY), 2023