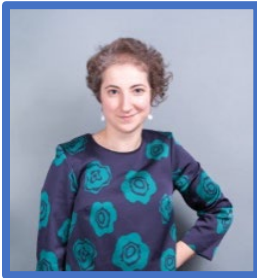


Meet the 2021 Emerging Leaders Fellows
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Andreea Alexandrov



[Romanian Federation of Community Foundations](#) — National Communications Coordinator in Bucharest, Romania

Research focus: The role of community foundations in the community ecosystem and how they use systemic thinking

Alexandrov holds an MA in Adult Education from West University of Timisoara, Romania; an Erasmus Socrates Mobility in Life Long Learning degree from the Danish Pedagogical University in Copenhagen; and a BA in communication from the National School of Political and Administrative Studies (SNSPA) in Bucharest, Romania.

She has a strong background in grassroots movements, resilient communities and adult education. Alexandrov is a multifaceted professional with experience in communications, grants design and management, always willing to go the extra mile for getting the best results and impact. She is passionate about activating groups and using creativity for reaching the best meeting point between objectives and resources.

I feel at home in grassroots groups and chronologically speaking this is how the nonprofit sector got a hold on me. I lived in different places in Romania and wherever I went the grassroots initiatives found me or I contributed to their initiation. I think there is a lot we can learn from the peripheries, the rebels, the disruptors and I challenge the way we reconcile the distance and the differences between community foundations and these groups.

Whilla Castelhana



[IDIS – Institute for the Development of Social Investment](#) — Project Coordinator in São Paulo, Brazil

Research focus: The development and strengthening of community foundations in Brazil through the Transforming Territories Program

Castelhana has been working in the third sector for over five years with an emphasis on fundraising, stakeholder relations and project management. She holds an MBA in project management from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, a postgraduate degree in social projects and public policy, and is currently taking a postgraduate course in environment and sustainability by the Getulio Vargas Foundation in

Brasil. Previously, she earned her bachelor's degree in defense and international strategic management from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro.

By participating in this program, I will be able to learn more, listen to new experiences, anticipate scenarios, demands and challenges that may arise for Community Foundations in Brazil and, thus, be trained and equipped with the best expertise to support these organizations that are today developing with my support. This program will enable me to share, assist and support organizations that will contribute to the reduction of social differences in Brazil.

Tatiana Fraga



[Comunalia](#) — Executive Director in Monterrey, Mexico

Research focus: Adapting Mexican community foundation (CF) participatory grantmaking practices to the diverse local contexts of Comunalia (Mexico's CF alliance) members

Fraga holds an MS in nonprofit leadership from the University of Pennsylvania and a BA in international relations from El Colegio de México.

She has over ten years of experience designing and implementing institutional processes for private and nonprofit organizations; as well managing and evaluating projects. In the last few years, she has managed new efforts to facilitate cross-sector collaboration in the city of Monterrey in Mexico, as well as workshops and consultancy for people and organizations in topics such as: leadership, group dynamics, organization and mobilization of people and resources, community organizing, conflict resolution and theory of change.

My experience working with diverse teams has taught me the importance of being a collaborative and inclusive leader that can empower people to create social change. This program is the opportunity I have been looking for to foster innovative solutions to social problems, through collaboration and communication.

Ketra Todd



[Lyford Cay Foundations](#) — Communications and Development in Nassau, The Bahamas

Research focus: Strengthening community grant-making through the advancement of the sustainable development goals

Todd holds a Master of Science Degree in Business and Economics with a specialization in International Economics with a focus on China from Lund University, Sweden; a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from York University, Canada; and an Associate Degree Psychology from University of the Bahamas.

She is a communications and development consultant at the Lyford Cay Foundations, with responsibility for corporate partnerships, funding strategy and communications. Prior to joining the Foundations, she worked in the Sustainable Development Goals Unit, Office of the Prime Minister, as a Chair of Economic Prosperity and Focal Point – Communications and Community Engagement for the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. She was promoted to lead the Commercial and Small Business Team for a Big Five Canadian Bank based in Roseau, Dominica after serving as a Caribbean Associate in the Bahamas, Jamaica, and the Eastern Caribbean region with rotations in credit risk management, compliance, commercial and retail banking.

She has also successfully launched several entrepreneurial pursuits individually and jointly within the retail and real estate sector. Currently, Todd is in the process of creating a cultural hub i.e. Muse Pop Up Hub for retail, lifestyle and food vendors in the Carmichael Business district, Nassau, The Bahamas.

I'm very pleased about the possibility of participating in the International Fellows program, given that I am new to community grant-making. ...The International Fellows program will further strengthen my research acumen and build technical know-how in the philanthropy industry. I look forward to learning from industry leaders and my peers all around the world.