



## STAY ENGAGED: Upcoming events

Join our last international alumni event for the season! We will resume our networking, sharing and learning efforts through online activities in September!

**THE FUTURE OF WORK**  
*ReThink series* ZOOM 90 MIN

MONDAY, JUNE 20TH 2022  
12 PM US EASTERN / 6 PM CENTRAL EUROPEAN

**KALDYAN DAMYANOV** SOFIA, BULGARIA  
**ZITA SZEDERKENYI** BUDAPEST, HUNGARY  
**RIGES BEQIRI** BULOZICE, ALBANIA  
**NIKOLETA M. ORLEA** BUCHAREST, ROMANIA  
**LORI CLARK** PORTLAND, ME

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June 20th 2022

### ReThink: The Future of Work

Remote work, shared work between home and office, 4-days working week, safe and sustainable work places. These are some of the ideas that came to the forefront with the COVID-19 pandemic and post-pandemic situation. We will hear practices and challenges of how things work in practice in the non-profit sector in Europe and the U.S. and reflect together on the future of work. Please join us with your examples and ideas!

The event is hosted virtually by our Romanian partner CeRe.

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Please don't share publicly the Zoom link to these events. You are however welcome to invite trusted colleagues and friends who might be interested.

# Happy birthday, Elizabeth!

## A Decade of Success



As this year we celebrate 10 years since the launch of the GLC Professional Fellows program, we should also take the time to celebrate the person who we owe this decade of success to!

Elizabeth has shared the story about starting work on the program in a difficult moment of her life as she was battling cancer. It was with the support and encouragement of our late friend Dave Beckwith and many others that she found a strength to focus on civic activism and community organizing rather than feeling sorry for herself. This is how the idea of the GLC Professional

Fellows program was born, but also the important lesson that many of us have learned from Elizabeth: there is no point to focus on things we cannot change, but we can definitely use our energy to change the world.

The rest is history! Up to now, more than 280 European fellows have been through the program in 14 delegations, impacting hundreds of organizations and thousands community members, especially in disadvantaged communities. And it all happened under Elizabeth's supervision and encouragement, with her evidently endless reserves of energy. What is also remarkable is her capacity to remember all of us, our fields of work and accomplishments, always there to cheer us up as we continue to fight for social justice.

There is much more that can be said, but it all comes down to a three simple words: THANK YOU, ELIZABETH!

The GLC alumni community



## Stay tuned for our regular June 2022 update later this month!

### GLC Alumni Network

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