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MOMENTUM 2026: A Rolling Conference for New Solutions

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Summer 2026 Initiative Links Universities, Organizations, Creatives, and Funders in an Expansive Innovation Cycle

River Forest, IL, March 24, 2026 – Creative Evolutions, in partnership with **Theatre Communications Group (TCG)** and four universities across the US and in the Bahamas, announces **MOMENTUM 2026**, a rolling conference designed to generate new actionable options for the nonprofit sector and beyond.

The 2026 focus is **EXPANDING OPTIONS FOR BOARD MODELS**, responding to a growing recognition that many organizations and individuals are seeking governance and leadership models that better align with contemporary realities, values, and community needs.

Unlike traditional conferences, MOMENTUM functions as a living laboratory. Each two-day convening builds directly on the work of the previous gathering, creating a cumulative dialogue and public virtual release of actionable frameworks and prototypes.

“Innovation that makes impactful change is rarely a top-down activity. It begins in local communities. It activates with local leaders who understand the fabric and texture of their region, the lived experiences, the history in the room, the tensions, the assets, and the relationships that make change possible.”

MOMENTUM 2026 recognizes that regional leadership is not a smaller version of national or international strategy; it is the pilot laboratory for it. When we intentionally honor local knowledge as functional expertise and invest in leaders who are already deeply rooted in the communities they serve, we don't just scale ideas; we scale and uplift wisdom. And that is how real, sustainable, diverse society-wide innovation can happen.”

- Calida Jones, Co-Founder, Creative Evolutions

2026 MOMENTUM Schedule

- **June 10–13** – Kickoff session at the TCG National Conference (Puerto Rico) – [tickets](#)
- **June 26–27** – University of Oklahoma
- **July 14–15** – University of the Bahamas
- **July 24–25** – Seattle University
- **August 5–6** – Minneapolis College of Art and Design
- **September 8** – Free Final Culminating Webinar

Each site convenes approximately 100–200 participants for facilitated design labs and plenary dialogues. Materials from each session are recorded, synthesized, and shared forward with the next cohort, allowing ideas to be tested, refined, and expanded across regions.

By the end of the summer, MOMENTUM will produce a widely accessible sourcebook that includes pilot-ready governance and leadership models, recorded plenary conversations, and cross-institutional documentation connecting regional innovation to national strategy.

“The Bahamas has one of the richest, deepest, and most expansive cultures. To invest in the sustainability and future of cultural growth, organizations need the structures, support, and capacity to carry it forward. MOMENTUM supports organizations in being innovative in their structuring.”

-Dr. Robert J. Blaine III, President, University of the Bahamas

Registration is now open at **MomentumRevolutions.com**. Professionals, faculty, students, funders, and civic leaders are invited to attend one or more locations across the summer. Each convening stands on its own while also contributing to a larger national exchange, allowing participants to engage locally while helping shape a broader body of actionable leadership models. Early registration is encouraged, as space at each university site is intentionally limited to support meaningful design work. An **Early Bird Discount** is available for registrations before **April 30, 2026** (use code: EARLYMOMENTUM).

Sponsorships range from \$5,000 to \$50,000 per site, with opportunities for both local underwriting and national participation. All sponsors will be recognized across the full MOMENTUM cycle and within post-summer publications, report-outs, and piloting activities.

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Momentum is convened by Creative Evolutions in partnership with Theatre Communications Group and university hosts across North America.

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