PITTSBURGH GUIDE
FOR DIVERSE NEWCOMERS
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Mission and Vision

Vibrant Pittsburgh’s mission is embrace inclusion, ensure the Pittsburgh region’s growth by attracting, retaining and elevating a diversity of talent and promote the region nationally and internationally as a diverse, welcoming region of opportunities.

Vibrant Pittsburgh believes that a diverse workforce is essential to the ongoing economic vitality of the Greater Pittsburgh region. We work to attract, retain, elevate and educate people of all backgrounds, including New Americans, and create an environment that is inclusive and welcoming. Through our work, we aim to:

**Welcome newcomers.**
Vibrant Pittsburgh is committed to creating a welcoming environment and making the social connections that allow newcomers to comfortably put down the roots that ensure they stay and flourish in our region.

**Be inclusive.**
Our goal is to address barriers to the creation of a more inclusive region and more diverse pool of talent, consisting of different races, ethnicities, physical abilities, beliefs and sexual orientations.

**Energize the region.**
We are committed to elevating our existing workforce, as well as recruiting and retaining new talent. We will work with others as necessary to educate businesses as well as community members to understand the power, importance, richness and vitality that diversity brings to our region.
The Vibrant Pittsburgh Welcome Center is here to help! In partnership with the Pittsburgh Region employers, we are here to welcome and support you while you transition to life in Pittsburgh. At the Welcome Center you will find friendly staff who will connect you to a broad range of resources including professional and community-based organizations representing diverse communities, volunteer opportunities as well as immigration, housing, and employment services.

Please contact us to schedule an appointment to discuss how we can assist you in your transition, answer your questions and begin connecting you to all of the resources and amenities that Pittsburgh has to offer.

Examples of Services Offered
- Career search resources and information
- New Arrivals Bridge Program
- Referral services to resources and amenities in the community
- Information about professional networking activities
- Interpretation and translation assistance for newcomers
- Quarterly intimate gatherings that allow new arrivals to meet and exchange information about housing, doctors, sitters and weekend activities
- Connections to multicultural initiatives and groups in the region.

Contact Us
For help or to schedule an appointment:
Call the Welcome Center at 412-281-8600
E-mail welcomecenter@vibrantpittsburgh.org
Visit our website at www.vibrantpittsburgh.org
Visit our office at 707 Grant Street, Suite 2305, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Connect With Us
- Facebook
- LinkedIn
- Twitter @VibrantBurgh
Vibrant Pittsburgh compiled this guide to assist employers with their efforts to on-board their diverse newcomer talent in the Pittsburgh Region.

This resource will also assist diverse talent new to the Pittsburgh Region by providing an overview of the Pittsburgh regional community and identifying key resources and services that will help them navigate their new community.

This document is also available in Word format by contacting adrianad@vibrantpittsburgh.org.

Assumptions
Please note that the Guide is not an exhaustive compilation of all resources available in the city. Rather, the Guide seeks to highlight some of the major regional amenities, services and organizations to help newcomers orient themselves in their new community.

Key Features
• For Employers
  Live-Work-Thrive Checklist (p.6): lists key areas employers should assist their newcomers on to ensure a successful transition to anchor newcomers in the region.
• For Newcomers
  Live, Work, Thrive Sections (p. 11-26): the guide is divided in three parts: “Live”, “Work”, and “Thrive.” Each section contains a number of local resources.

Additional Resources
If additional support is needed, please contact Vibrant Pittsburgh Welcome Center by email at welcomecenter@vibrantpittsburgh.org or call 412-281-8600 where VP staff will provide customized solutions and referral services to connect newcomers to the services they need.

To increase the visibility of our diverse communities and facilitate connections between regional Affinity Groups, employers and newcomers we have created the Affinity Group Virtual Directory and Map that highlights more than 700 Affinity Groups representing diverse communities in the Pittsburgh Region. Search the map for communities of interest and the organizations that represent them.

Links
Throughout this guide, there are links to online resources. These links are highlighted in orange like the one above that reads “Affinity Group Map”. When you click this orange text, it will take you to the online resource.
L I V E - W O R K - T H R I V E C H E C K L I S T

L I V E
☐ Choose a neighborhood
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☐ Buy or rent a home
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☐ Check new taxes, utilities, and register to vote
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☐ Visit a museum and engage in the arts
   See “Arts” Page 27
Known as “The City of Bridges,” Pittsburgh holds a World Record for the number of bridges: 446 -- more than Venice, Italy. Here are some facts about the region.

- Founded in: 1758
- Area: 55 Square Miles
- Nation’s largest inland port

### Population

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### Pittsburgh Firsts

- First Gas Station: 1913
- First Polio Vaccine: 1953
- First Pull-Tab on Cans: 1962
- First Big Mac: 1967
- First Internet Emoticon: 1982

### Birthplace of Pop Culture

- First commercial radio (1920) and public television stations (1954)
- Birthplace of the Big Mac, Ferris Wheel, and the Terrible Towel
- Andy Warhol, the King of Pop Art, and Burton Morris were born in Pittsburgh
- Mister Rogers and his famous neighborhood
**Top Honors**

Pittsburgh has been recognized by numerous publications for its green spaces, standard of living, its jobs opportunities and more. For example, Pittsburgh was declared:

- “Most Livable City in the Nation” by The Economist
- “Top 10 Cities for Job Growth” by Forbes Magazine
- “#1 Adventure City” by National Geographic

For more facts about the region, visit [Vibrant Pittsburgh's Pittsburgh Quick Facts](#).
Pittsburgh Demographics

- In the Pittsburgh MSA, the foreign-born population is 3% (73,443) of the total population (2,356,381) equally divided between citizens and non-citizens.
- In the City of Pittsburgh, the foreign-born population is twice as high (compared to the Pittsburgh MSA) with 6% of the population being foreign-born (18,598) out of 305,704 city residents. 5,838 are naturalized US citizens and 12,860 non-citizens. In comparison, 5.8% of Pennsylvanians are foreign-born [Immigration Policy Institute].
- In the Pittsburgh MSA, the total Asian population is 41,190 (1.8%) and Latino population is 29,969 (1.3%). These communities grew by 56% and 72% respectively over the last decade.

Source: 2010 US Census

International Students

- In 2011, international students remained another major source of foreign-born talent in the Pittsburgh Region, with 30,507 entering PA, an increase of 8.6% from 2010.
- Total Contribution by Foreign Students and their families to the Pennsylvanian economy during this period was $1.371 billion. Net Contribution (total contribution minus U.S. support) to Pennsylvanian economy was $965.1 million.
- In the Pittsburgh Region, in 2010-2011, international students and their families contributed $440.8 million.
- During the 2010-2011, the Pittsburgh Region universities attracted a total of 8,603 international students.
- Carnegie Mellon University (3,853), University of Pittsburgh - Pittsburgh Campus (2,607) and Indiana University of PA (756) have the largest international student populations in the region.

Source: IIE, Open Doors 2011

Refugees

From Oct. 2008-present, 1,016 refugees have been resettled in the Pittsburgh Region (Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Washington and Westmoreland Counties) mostly from Bhutan (761), Iraq (99), and Burma (93).

Source: PA Refugee Resettlement Program
Skills & Education

- From 2000 to 2009, the immigrant population in Pittsburgh MSA grew by 13%. 76% of them had college education, while just 6.1% lacked a high school diploma. In 2009, nearly half of all Pittsburgh MSA immigrants (70,918) were high skill workers (30,542).
- The average skill ratio for immigrants in the 100 largest metro areas is 101.6 (a skill ratio of 100 indicates an equal number of high- and low-skilled immigrants). In Pittsburgh, the skill ratio is 391.3 meaning that there are nearly 4 high skilled immigrants for every low skilled immigrant.

Source: Brookings, The Geography of Immigrant Skill, 2011

Economic Output

Immigrants accounted for 4% of economic output in the Pittsburgh MSA in 2007, according to a study by the Fiscal Policy Institute. In fact, “immigrants contribute to the economy in direct relation to the share of the population. The economy of metro areas grows in tandem with the immigrant share of the labor force.”

Source: Immigration Policy Institute

Where are they from?

For the Latino community, most prevalent countries of origin are Mexico (11,211) and Puerto Rico (6,140), accounting for nearly 60% of the community. For the Asian community, countries of origin for the largest groups are India (14,357) and China (10,261), accounting for nearly 50% of the total Asian population Pittsburgh MSA.

Source: Census 2010

Where do they live?

Diverse communities tend to be geographically dispersed across the region. Monroeville/Penn Hills, Sewickley, Upper St. Clair, and Oakland have some of the largest foreign-born communities. The largest Asian American communities are in Shadyside (19%), Squirrel Hill (17%), and North Oakland (15%). Latino communities can be found in Beechview, Oakland, Greenfield and Southside. The largest refugee communities are located in Carrick, Prospect Park, and Sharpsburg.

Source: Census 2010, Community Leaders, Service Providers
Vibrant Pittsburgh Welcome Center
The Welcome Center provides free referral services to newcomers, immigrants and internationals to help connect to a variety of local resources including housing, employment, immigration and translation resources.

Relocation Information and Services

Carnegie Library Newcomer’s Guide to Pittsburgh
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh has compiled a Guide to new Pittsburgh residents, with information ranging from finding a job, house, and school to voting, driving, and paying taxes.

Visit Pittsburgh Relocation Information
Visit Pittsburgh’s relocation page provides a variety of links and services to newcomers, including housing, education, healthcare, careers, relocation assistance, utilities, and more.

Pop City: Move to Pittsburgh
Pop City includes highlights of Pittsburgh and latest news of interest to newcomers.

Newcomer’s Guide to Pittsburgh
About.com Pittsburgh Guide with a variety of resources for newcomers in the city.

Paid Services

Presenting Pittsburgh
Presenting Pittsburgh provides relocations services at both the individual and corporate level. Their website includes information in choosing neighborhoods, housing, apartments, and schools, as well as services for internationals, moving, settling in, and tours.

Getting to the Point, Inc.
Getting to the Point provides personalized services for new or returning Pittsburghers, with extensive information on housing, recreation, schools, amenities, career assistance, and more, with additional resources for Internationals.
Moderna Relocations
Moderna provides smooth relocation for expats and newcomers. We welcome, guide and integrate them through steadfast support, orientation tours, in-depth settling in, and home finding. Our unique expat women’s network and buddy program match new and host expats.

About Pittsburgh
About Pittsburgh is an independent consulting firm with a mission to help companies and institutions attract personnel to Pittsburgh and retain exceptional talent by showing them the values and benefits of living and working in the region.

Neighborhood Information

Pittsburgh City Living
Learn about living in Pittsburgh, and take a survey to determine which neighborhood is the right fit for you.

Pop City Media’s Neighborhood Resource
Pop City Media, a weekly e-magazine, describes many of Pittsburgh’s varied neighborhoods and provides information on local business and amenities in the website’s Places section.

City of Pittsburgh Portal Neighborhood Resource
The Pittsburgh Portal includes information on city neighborhoods and council districts, as well as links to health, education, community groups, and neighborhood organizations.

Buying and Renting a Home

Rent Jungle
Check out Rent Jungle and the compare rent tool to see what other renters are paying for similar apartments around the city. Find the right apartment for your budget. Also review the moving and apartment guides to ease your move.

Apartment Rental Guide
The Apartment Rental Guide allows you to search for rentals in central, North and East Pittsburgh. You can also search for real estate and new homes.
Largest Real Estate Firms
• Howard Hanna • visit the website
• Coldwell Banker • visit the website
• Prudential Real Estate Website • visit the website
• Northwood Realty Services • visit the website
• Re-MAX • visit the website
Source: Pittsburgh Business Times Book of Lists

Government, Legal, and Utilities

Carnegie Library Legal Resources
Carnegie Library Resource for Government and Legal Assistance provides information on a variety of legal services and government entities in the region.

Carnegie Library Tax Resources
Carnegie Library Resource for Tax information includes links and information on local, state, and federal taxes, as well as preparation assistance.

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
The Public Utility Commission provides resources to residents of Pennsylvania concerning utility use and regulation, as well as provides information about electricity, water, sewage, gas, telecommunications, and transportation companies in the states.

League of Women Voters
Learn about upcoming elections, voter information, issues and positions and more. Find lists of local government officials, including their contact information.

Allegheny County, Election Division
Register to vote here.

Jewish Family & Children’s Service of Pittsburgh
Immigrant Services and Refugee Resettlement
Jewish Family & Children’s Service of Pittsburgh provides services to immigrants in the Pittsburgh area that need assistance with legal immigration issues, naturalization issues, and employment.
Schools

Pittsburgh Area School Information
Search area schools here.

Pittsburgh Area School Ratings
Search ratings for area schools here.

Pittsburgh’s Independent Schools
For a listing of Pittsburgh’s independent schools, rankings of Pittsburgh area schools, and demographic data on Pittsburgh area schools see “Pittsburgh Schools” on Vibrant Pittsburgh’s Neighborhoods web page

Pittsburgh Public Schools
Pittsburgh Public Schools serve approximately 25,000 students in Kindergarten through Grade 12, as well as three and four-year-olds through early education programs. High school students that attend Pittsburgh Public Schools that meet certain grade and attendance requirements can be eligible for the Pittsburgh Promise, a scholarship of up to $10,000 a year for approved Pennsylvania post-secondary schools.

Pittsburgh Propel Schools
Propel is one of the largest, fastest-expanding set of charter schools in Pennsylvania with the highest levels of student achievement among Pennsylvania public school districts serving high poverty areas.

Pittsburgh Community Alliance for Public Education
A+ Schools in an independent community advocacy organization working for equity and excellence in Pittsburgh Public Schools.

FAME Fund
FAME provides African American students access to college preparatory education at participating independent schools in the Greater Pittsburgh area through the provision of need based financial assistance.
Childcare Resources

Care.com
Find sitters by experience, hourly rate and availability.

Sitter City Pittsburgh
Search Pittsburgh for babysitters here.

YWCA Childcare Resources & Referrals
Find information about childcare options in Pittsburgh, the Keystone Stars Program, and state subsidies for parents.

Blogs and Newsletters for Parents

• Pop City Media Kidsburgh website
• Pittsburgh Parent includes blog, website and magazine
• Pittsburgh Moms blogs
• Burgh Living blog
• Visit Pittsburgh Family Fun website

Family Fun

Visit Pittsburgh’s Kidsburgh Resources for children activities including museums, exhibits, festivals, and more.

Children’s Museum, Pittsburgh
Visit the website.

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Kids Section
Visit the website.

My Little Outback
Designed for children 6 months to 8 years, MLO offers a play center that children will love. Parents have the option of relaxing in the private café or playing with their child on all of the play equipment.

Jewish Community Center
Visit the website.

Urban Mommies
Visit the website.
Transportation

Allegheny County Port Authority
The Port Authority of Allegheny County includes bus service, the T light rail service, the funicular inclines, and para-transit services. The Port Authority provides extensive service in Pittsburgh and additional services throughout Allegheny County and is used by nearly 230,000 riders every day.

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Driver and Vehicle Services
Visit the Department of Driver and Vehicle Services to receive a Pennsylvania driver’s license, learn about local transportation laws, and to register your vehicle.

Pittsburgh International Airport
Visit the website.

Visit Pittsburgh – Navigating Pittsburgh
This webpage includes links to local transportation options as well as a link to Pittsburgh Visitors’ Guide to help newcomers get oriented in the city.
Local Media

**Pittsburgh Post-Gazette**
Visit the [website](#).

**Pittsburgh Tribune Review**
Visit the [website](#).

**Pittsburgh Business Times**
Visit the [website](#).

**Pop City Media**
A [weekly online magazine](#) about the people and places moving Pittsburgh forward with news about tech, arts, innovation, arts and culture, development news and much more.

**New Pittsburgh Courier**
The [Courier](#) is one of the country’s first African American newspapers.

**La Jornada Latina Pittsburgh**
Their [website](#) highlights news and happenings in Pittsburgh’s Latino community.

**The Pittsburgh Patrika**
[News](#) from Pittsburgh’s South Asian community.

**Out**
[Out](#) serves Pittsburgh’s LGBT community with local and national news, health information, commentary, arts and entertainment features, a complete guide to the month’s local events.

**Equal Magazine**
A [monthly magazine](#) for the LGBT community and its allies published by the Delta Foundation delivering news, politics, entertainment, health, fitness, and travel features with a unique Pittsburgh twist.
Organizations of Faith

Harvard University’s Pluralism Project
A compilation of diverse religious organizations as well as churches, temples, Mosques in Pittsburgh.

Church Angel Pittsburgh
Includes a listing of Christian and non-denominational churches in Pittsburgh organized by denomination.

Carnegie Library’s Resources on Faith and Religion
This resource includes religious-affiliated organizations or religious organizations that span several denominations or religions. See specific religion/denomination for churches, synagogues and other places of worship.

Bet Tikvah
An alternative Jewish congregation in Pittsburgh for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Community with monthly Shabbat services.

Dignity Pittsburgh
The local chapter of a national movement for LGBT Catholic worship, socialization, and education.

Local Banks

• PNC Bank • visit the website
• Dollar Bank • visit the website
• Citizens Bank • visit the website
• First Commonwealth Bank • visit the website
• First National Bank • visit the website
**WORK**

**Vibrant Pittsburgh Welcome Center**
The Welcome Center provides free referral services to newcomers, immigrants and internationals to help connect to a variety of local resources including housing, employment, immigration and translation resources.

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**Career Development**

**Career Link Pittsburgh**
Career Link provides many employment services for Pittsburgh area jobs seekers, most of which are free. With career centers in Downtown Pittsburgh, Forest Hills, and Robinson Township, Career Link offers an online database of employment information as well as individualized in person services.

**Pennsylvania Commonwealth Workforce Development System**
Connects business and individuals to Pennsylvania’s workforce development.

**Carnegie Library Job, Career, and Education Resources**
Carnegie Library Job, Career, and Education Resources can help you search for a new job, prepare for your interview, and explore education opportunities for the future.

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**Job Boards and Resources**

**Vibrant Pittsburgh Career Resources**
Visit the website.

**Imagine Pittsburgh**
Imagine Pittsburgh, an initiative of the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance, provides listings for thousands of jobs in the Pittsburgh region compiled from top employment websites and information about living and working in the region.

**NonProfitalent**
Nonprofit job listings in the Pittsburgh Region.

**Pittsburgh Technology Council Career Connector**
Job board listing jobs in IT, Engineering and other STEM fields.
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Diversity of the Pittsburgh Region

Vibrant Pittsburgh Affinity Groups Virtual Directory and Map
This Vibrant Pittsburgh resource highlights more than 700 Affinity Groups representing diverse communities in the Pittsburgh Region. Search the virtual directory and map for communities of interest and organizations that represent them.

Vibrant Pittsburgh Welcome Center Community Resources
Here you will find a variety of resources, including those specific to the African American, Chinese, Latino, and Indian communities.

Pittsburgh Today
For data, statistics and comparison with other major metropolitan areas, see Pittsburgh Today indicators.

Community Organizations

Pittsburgh Urban Magnet Project (PUMP)
PUMP makes Pittsburgh a more dynamic and diverse place to live by giving young and young-thinking people a voice and inspiring them to affect change in our community through civic engagement, professional development, recreation, and social networking.

GlobalPittsburgh
GlobalPittsburgh forges cultural, educational and business relationships between the Greater Pittsburgh Region and the global community through citizen diplomacy – connecting people and institutions in the region with audiences around the world through a wide range of hosting, training, networking and outreach programs.

World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh
The World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh promotes, on a non-partisan basis, understanding of important international issues, throughout the community and with a special focus on the region’s secondary schools. Through its International Affairs Education Program, the Council’s outreach also encompasses more than 275 schools throughout Western Pennsylvania.
American Middle East Institute
AMEI is a non-profit consortium of prominent civic institutions and corporations in Pittsburgh with a mission of promoting business, educational, and cultural ties between Pittsburgh and the countries of the Middle East.

International Women’s Association of Pittsburgh
The organization helps international women to settle in and discover Pittsburgh while giving women a chance to meet new people and learn about other cultures.

The Delta Foundation and Pittsburgh Pride
The Delta Foundation was originally created as a non-profit organization for the purposes of uniting and fostering good fellowship and social interaction among LGBT residents in the metropolitan Pittsburgh area.

The Gay and Lesbian Community Center
The Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Pittsburgh provides gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals, their families and supporters in Western Pennsylvania with resources and opportunities to promote visibility, understanding, and equality within the LGBT communities and the community at large.

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays Pittsburgh
PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons, their families and friends through support, education, and advocacy. PFLAG provides opportunity for dialogue and acts to create healthy and respectful society.

ESL Resources

A list compiled by Carnegie Mellon University’s Intercultural Communications Center includes a variety of English Second Language opportunities around Pittsburgh.
Diverse Grocery Stores

African and Caribbean
• Global Food Market (East Liberty)
  132 South Highland Avenue
  Pittsburgh, PA 15206
  (412) 362-1875

Chinese
• Lotus Foods (Strip District)
  1649 Penn Avenue
  Pittsburgh, PA 15222
  (412) 281-3050

Indian and South Asian
• Bombay Mart (Oakland)
  326 Atwood Avenue
  Pittsburgh, PA 15213
  (412) 682-2616
• Kohli’s Indian Emporium (Oakland)
  319 South Craig Street
  Pittsburgh, PA 15213
  (412) 621-1800/2688

Latino
• Las Palmas Oakland
  326 Atwood St
  Pittsburgh, PA 15213
  (412) 682-1115
• Las Palmas Brookline
  700 Brookline Boulevard
  Pittsburgh, PA
  (412) 344-1131
• Las Palmas Washington
  675 W Chestnut St,
  Washington, PA
  (724) 225-9046
• Reyna Food (Strip District)
  2031 Penn Avenue
  Pittsburgh, PA
  (412) 261-2606
Middle Eastern
• Labad’s (Strip District)
  1727 Penn Avenue
  Pittsburgh, PA 15222
  (412) 261-0419

Hair Braiding and African American Hair

Dana’s Styling Salon
East Liberty, Pittsburgh
danastylingsalon.com
(412) 362-4024

Divine Hair Studio
Penn Hills
divinehairstudiopgh.com
(412) 371-8190

Farenheit 212 Salon
Uptown, Pittsburgh
fahrenheit212salon.com
(412) 281-4155

Okapi Braiding Salon
East Liberty, Pittsburgh
okapibraiding.com
(412) 361-6527

Tania Afro-American Hair Braiding
West End, Pittsburgh
taniahairbraiding.com
(412) 482-3734
Business and Organization Directories

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**African American Chamber of Commerce Member Directory**
This [directory](#) contains information about businesses that are members of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania.

**Black Business Directory and Resource Guide**
[Site](#) for locating Pittsburgh’s Black businesses, churches, agencies, corporations and organizations.

**GLCC Health Directory**
A [directory](#) from the Gay and Lesbian Community Center containing information about gay and lesbian friendly medical resources.

**Immigrants and Internationals Resources**
These [resources](#), compiled by Allegheny County Department of Human Services, can provide help to immigrants, internationals, and those whose primary language is not English.

**LACU Partners Listing**
This [listing](#) from the Latin American Cultural Union provides information about various partner groups and organizations that provide services to the Latino community.

**The Soul Pitt**
A [searchable directory](#) with reviews for minority and black owned businesses in the Pittsburgh area.

**Student Guide to Pittsburgh**
This [guide](#) contains informations for first year, transfer, graduate, or international students with local resources to find the nearest coffee shop, a hotel for parents’ weekend, or the perfect take-out restaurant.

**Women’s Yellow Pages**
The [Yellow Pages](#) from Women’s Independent Press includes a variety of small women owned businesses around the region.
Networking Opportunities

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The Pittsburgh Social Exchange
The Pittsburgh Social Exchange is a unique, professional, and eclectic social membership club that promotes networking and business relationship development amongst its constituents.

Pittsburgh Young Professionals (PYP)
PYP provides career-minded individuals with opportunities to develop socially, professionally, and civically. PYP aims to be recognized as the city’s premier young professionals’ organization offering exceptional networking, social, and community involvement services to our members.

Urban League Young Professionals
ULYP champions professional development for its members and philanthropic investment in the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh and in the community at large.

Leadership Development

Leadership Pittsburgh
Leadership Pittsburgh Inc. is an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to developing a diverse group of leaders to serve southwestern Pennsylvania.

Coro Pittsburgh
Coro Pittsburgh prepares diverse, talented, and committed individuals for effective and ethical leadership in the public affairs arena.

Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commence
Visit the website.

African American Chamber of Commerce of Western PA
Visit the website.

Pittsburgh Metropolitan Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Visit the website.

Pittsburgh China Chamber of Commerce
Visit the website.
The International Entrepreneurs, Pittsburgh
TiE-Pittsburgh is a not-for-profit network of entrepreneurs, corporate executives and senior professionals dedicated to fostering entrepreneurship in the Pittsburgh region.

Network of Indian Professionals (NetIP) Pittsburgh
Primarily a networking forum, NetIP strives to be the facilitating vehicle for South Asian professionals to be more involved with their local communities. The organization aspires to connect with individuals who are emerging to be leaders in business, politics, and civic life.

National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) at the University of Pittsburgh
The mission of the NSBE is to “increase the number of culturally responsible Black engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally and positively impact the community.”

Society of Women Engineers, Pittsburgh Section
The Society of Women Engineers stimulates women to achieve full potential in careers as engineers and leaders, expands the image of the engineering profession as a positive force in improving the quality of life, and demonstrates the value of diversity.
The City and Beyond

Visit Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh Tourism Bureau

Visit Pittsburgh’s Kidsburgh
Resource for children activities including museums, exhibits, festivals and more.

Living Pittsburgh
Living Pittsburgh compiles resources about free and affordable events and activities and bargains, sales, and specials available in the Pittsburgh region.

Venture Outdoors
Venture Outdoors organizes outdoor excursions as well as equipment rental for outdoor sports and activities such as kayaking.

Pittsburgh CitiParks
Pittsburgh parks and facilities as well as recreation and community resources.

Carnegie Libraries
Carnegie Libraries is the largest public library system in the Pittsburgh region with 19 neighborhood locations and resources, programs, classes, and training opportunities available to the community.

Arts

Pittsburgh Cultural Trust
The website lists performing and visual arts events in Pittsburgh’s Cultural District as well as special events (Jazz Festival, Three Rivers Arts Festival and others)

Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh

Manchester Craftsman Guild
The Manchester Craftsman Guild is composed of a number of programs which include MGG Youth Arts space, MGG Jazz and Bidwell Training Center.

August Wilson Center for African American Culture
August Wilson Center for African American Culture is a museum and performing arts space that presents performing and visual arts programs that celebrate the contributions of African Americans in Western Pennsylvania.
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