



Laura Skelton

Qualifications Summary

Laura has nearly 20 years of experience in successfully leading organizations while serving as a nonprofit executive director, interim executive director, and board member. She's developed and led programs for a variety of organizations, employing related skills of strategic planning, project management, and program evaluation. Her strong track record of managing staff to increase their leadership capacity is rooted in the belief that staff are an organization's biggest asset.

Professional History

Valtas Group	Senior Consultant	2019 – Present
Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility	Executive Director	2014 – 2019
Facing the Future	Interim Executive Director	2013 – 2014
Alexander Hamilton Scholars	Program Director	2012 – 2013
Facing the Future	Program Director	2007 – 2012

Accomplishments

- Provided interim leadership to an organization experiencing significantly reduced funding; reinvigorated connections with individual donors, creatively engaged new volunteers, and helped determine program priorities.
- Coordinated a major community event with the dual purpose of community engagement and fundraising, attended by 4,000 people.
- Stabilized revenues for an organization during the COVID pandemic through a peer-to-peer fundraising campaign that raised 200% of budgeted goal, securing new grant funding, and navigating federal COVID relief.
- As Executive Director, more than doubled revenue over a five-year period through a variety of strategies including growing individual giving, securing new foundation grants, hosting a variety of fundraising and major donor appreciation events, and establishing a legacy giving program. Coordinated four consecutive annual galas, increasing event revenue by 50% and attendance by 30% over the four-year period.
- Helped establish statewide advocacy coalition, Washington Against Nuclear Weapons; recruited dozens of member organizations to effectively advocate to members of Congress.
- Served in a leadership role of member of a statewide coalition (the Alliance for Jobs and Clean Energy) that brought Initiative 1631 to the ballot.
- Played a key role in assisting a sunseting nonprofit transition into a program of a state university; resolved financial liabilities, implemented a budget to stabilize the organization, and secured jobs prior to the merger.

Licenses / Education

- Master of Science in Ecology, University of Georgia, Athens, GA
- Bachelor of Arts in Ecology & Society, Hendrix College, Conway, AR

Previous Valtas Assignments

- Interim Executive Director, Cooper House, 2025 - Present
- Interim Executive Director, WestSide Baby, 2023 - 2024

- Interim Executive Director, Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank, 2022 - 2023
- Interim Executive Director, Aurora Commons, 2021
- Interim Chief of Staff, Treehouse, 2021
- Consultant, Northwest Neighbors Network, 2020 - 2021
- Interim Executive Director, City Fruit, 2020
- Interim Director of Operations, Organization for Prostitution Survivors, 2019 - 2020