

Workshop

Navigating Challenges in Family Philanthropy

Tuesday, 14th March 2023

Facilitated by Sharna Goldseker, Executive Director, 21/64

Summary:

This interactive, in-person workshop facilitated by Sharna Goldseker, Executive Director at 21/64, convened individual next-generation philanthropists from within the region to discuss challenges they face in their family philanthropy. The hands-on workshop provided attendees with best-in-class tools to learn about key dynamics in families who work together, consider patterns that show up in family systems, and learn how to shift patterns within their own families.

Key takeaways:

- 21/64's in-person workshop in Dubai proved to be a success, as it provided opportunity for conversations between Sharna, the PI team, and the Circle network members, that advanced our relationships in a way that only in-person can achieve.
- The workshop was attended by a high calibre of Circle network members each brought in their own fresh perspective and energy.
- The content Sharna provided at the workshop productively stretched participants' understanding of their philanthropy.
- Attendees were introduced to 21/64's Family Diagram which helped them to reflect upon the dynamics within their families and the challenges they grapple with in their personal and family philanthropy.
- Overall, the workshop provided a comfortable space for network members to openly discuss shared experiences and topics mutually relevant to their philanthropy that they may not have had the opportunity to do otherwise.
- All attendees were invited to an informal and intimate dinner post the workshop which gave them the opportunity to connect with each other further and included a fire-side chat which was moderated by Anissa and featured Sharna who shared lessons from her co-authored book, *Generation Impact: How Next Gen Donors are Revolutionizing Giving*.

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