

BUILDING COMMUNITY AMONGST YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

The Ithaca area is a vibrant community in Upstate New York, however young professionals often find it challenging to become part of this community. Encouraging and supporting young professionals in their efforts to build active, fulfilling lives can lead to greater satisfaction with one's quality of life in Tompkins County. In addition, building a community of young professionals can positively enhance our county's economic and cultural future.

PROJECT OBJECTIVE:

To build community amongst young professionals through providing a series of social and educational workshops focused on a variety of topics of interest to our target audience. Through building this community, more young professionals will become involved in Ithaca Forward via attendance at events or participation in planning.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

Ithaca Forward

PROJECT OUTCOMES:

January - *published article in the Ithaca Journal regarding our project and the survey; *completed a survey of 80 young professionals in the Ithaca area that focused on possible workshop topics and their motivation for participating in the series.

April - *held first committee meeting with eight young professionals, the majority of whom were not formally active with Ithaca Forward

June - *workshop series will kick-off on June 3