



The Blue Ridge Institute (BRI) is a **community of nonprofit leaders** who gather to learn, renew, and connect. For nearly 100 years, BRI has offered a supportive space where leaders can step back from daily demands, recharge, and form lasting friendships.

Our hallmark event is the **annual conference each July**, featuring world-class speakers like Joan Garry, Vu Le, and Dan Pallotta. More than a traditional conference, it's a relaxed, restorative experience with opportunities for learning, reflection, and fun.

Throughout the year, Ridgers (as members affectionately call themselves) stay connected through **virtual gatherings, coffee chats, book clubs, roundtables, and regional meetups**. A private Facebook forum keeps conversation and collaboration going long after each event.

*"If I designed a retreat for nonprofit leaders, it would look a lot like BRI." ~ Vu Le*

We welcome friends and family, who often join in the experience. Our **Youth Leadership Academy (YLA)**, for ages 4–14, helps cultivate the next generation of community-minded leaders through engaging, youth-led programming.

BRI is intergenerational and inclusive—retired leaders share their wisdom, while newer executives bring fresh perspectives. Whether you seek professional growth, community, or renewal, BRI offers a unique blend of learning and belonging.

If you hold or have held an executive role in a nonprofit, governmental, or educational organization, we invite you to join us. Visit [www.blueridgeleaders.org](http://www.blueridgeleaders.org) to learn more or click "Join BRI" under the Membership tab.

For questions, contact [info@blueridgeleaders.org](mailto:info@blueridgeleaders.org) or 336-269-9577. We hope you'll become part of our Ridger family!

