

Alumni Network

The **Chain Collaborative** co-creates opportunities and strengthens capacities for community-led change in the coffee sector. Through an 18-month Community-Led Development (CLD) Incubator program, we build relationships with local leaders in coffee-growing regions, cultivate their project design and management skills, and foster the development of their farming and community-based enterprises. Our work allows global communities to combat intergenerational poverty and marginalization in the coffee sector on their own terms, and according to their own visions for change.



The Alumni Network

The **TCC Alumni Network** offers CLD Incubator alumni the opportunity to foster longer-term relationships with TCC, fellow past and present Incubator participants, and other like-minded coffee and development professionals. Through the Network, alumni can further advance their community initiatives, expand their professional networks, and work together to create more opportunities and engagement with other coffee industry members.

Small Project Fund

Alumni may apply for small grants of up to \$3,000 USD to further their community-led initiatives, cover the cost of training, or other. Applicants are asked to submit a short proposal using a provided format, allowing them to share a project description, detailed budget, information about project beneficiaries, and a list of indicators they will track during project implementation.

Additional Member Benefits

- **WhatsApp community:** All CLD Incubator alumni are invited to join a WhatsApp group where they can continue to foster relationships with TCC and other past Incubator participants, share news and lessons learned, and receive information about sector-wide learning opportunities.
- **Fiscal sponsorship:** TCC can serve as a fiscal sponsor for alumni who have secured funding from an outside organization but require it to be administered through a registered 501(c)(3).

Get Involved

To support our Alumni Network, reach out at hello@thechaincollaborative.org