

The EDGEy Wednesdays

Background

In the last four years, the EDGEy Wednesdays have become a cornerstone of EDGE programming, providing a platform for members to share initiatives, explore practices of progressive and solidarity philanthropy, and invite peers to collective actions.

With the launch of EDGE's new strategy in 2025, we envision a slight shift in the focus of EDGEy Wednesdays. We aim for these sessions to become a space for presenting actionable work, peer-to-peer learning, and fostering accountability within the philanthropic sector. Rooted in the tactics of our strategic framework, EDGEy Wednesdays should prioritize exploring practical ways to dismantle extractive grantmaking practices, organize among peers to influence systemic shifts, and develop tools and strategies to implement transformative change.

We aim to deepen our collective understanding of how to operationalize systemic change in philanthropy, understanding what needs to be funded to achieve justice-driven outcomes, and why these shifts are critical for the future of philanthropy.

How to Organise an EDGEy Wednesday?



What are the EDGEy Wednesdays ?

EDGEy Wednesday is a monthly virtual space where the EDGE membership gathers to engage in transformative conversations, deepen learning, and foster collaborations among peers. These 90-minute sessions align with EDGE's new strategic framework, and aims to build a space for EDGE members to have transparent and honest conversations about the shifts that are needed in philanthropy to create long - lasting systemic change.

How can you organise an EDGEy Wednesday?

- **Propose a Topic:** Members are encouraged to suggest session ideas tied to their work or key challenges in philanthropy and select a time in the EDGEy Wednesday calendar.
- **Plan the session:** Once the time and date is confirmed, members are invited to reach out to co-organisers (if any) and are welcomed to reach out to the EDGE Staff (martina@edgefund.org) if they need any support
- **Hold the session:** We encourage members to host sessions that center open conversations, collaboration, storytelling and peer to peer organizing.

EDGE's Role in Supporting You

- Promote your session to the EDGE network.
- Provide logistical and facilitation support (e.g., agenda templates, technical assistance).
- Document outcomes and disseminate key takeaways on the EDGE Website and Monthly Update

Desired Outcomes of EDGEy Wednesday

- **Collective Action:** Participants leave with concrete steps to implement in their work.
- **Network Building:** Strengthened relationships among EDGE members, trust building
- **Knowledge Sharing:** Practical tools, resources, and strategies for transforming the philanthropic sector