

Ms. Belkis Schoenhals began her work in community development a year after graduating with a B.A. in sociology and anthropology from Denison University in 2011. She began working for Homes on the Hill CDC doing administrative work for affordable housing development, translation for Spanish speaking clients, fundraising, and coordinating community planning projects. In addition to her work at Homes on the Hill, Ms. Schoenhals has participated in the Chase Gen Y Leadership program through the YWCA, served as a summer intern for the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, and serves currently as an Innovation Fellow with Forge Columbus' Forge Ahead Project. She joined the Young Professionals in Community Development group in 2013 to connect and learn from those in her field, while being able to represent and engage others about development in Columbus' west side. Ms. Schoenhals intends to continue her work in community development and pursue a master's degree in city and regional planning.