



Meg Wise

Executive Director, Philadelphia Outward Bound School

Meg Wise joined the Philadelphia Outward Bound School (POBS) as Executive Director in fall 2018. She moved to Philadelphia from Arizona to attend graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania. After completing a PhD in Comparative Literature, her love for the city and passion for civic investment drew her to the nonprofit sector. She has held leadership positions at the Fleisher Art Memorial, the Philadelphia Education Fund, and The Philadelphia Foundation, and served for 8 years as the Executive Director of Smith Memorial Playground and Playhouse, a beloved 120-year old resource for families in East Fairmount Park. In her current role, she draws on her background as an educator and fundraiser to fulfill POBS's experiential education mission and activate its new home, The Discovery Center, as a relevant and connected public green space. In her first year, POBS increased its earned and contributed revenue by over 25% and staff and board completed a strategic plan that focuses on program evaluation, staff infrastructure, community partnerships, strategic growth, and DEI efforts to improve organizational culture. Meg is a West Philadelphia resident and serves as Treasurer of her neighborhood civic association.