

Women Leaders Association Names Tess Fyalka Its First St. Louis Coaching Partner

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ST. LOUIS, MO, UNITED STATES, August 25, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Women Leaders Association, the largest publisher and events organization for women professionals with 43,000 members and more than 130 regional chapters, today announced Tess Fyalka as the first official Coaching Partner of its St. Louis chapter, StLouisWomenLeaders.org. The appointment launches the association's new Coaching Partners program in the St. Louis metropolitan area, giving members direct access to coaches who have been carefully screened for credentials, track record, and client results.



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Making Leadership Coaching Easier to Navigate

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The Coaching Partners program solves a problem many members face: Coaching is one of the highest-impact investments a professional woman can make in her career but finding a leadership coach with the right combination of experience, credentials, approach, and understanding of the clients' goals can be extraordinarily difficult. Because coaching titles are not regulated, quality varies significantly, and it can be time consuming and overwhelming for a leader evaluating coaches on her own

to verify who is genuinely proven.

Through the new program, the Women Leaders Association conducts much of that screening on the member's behalf. Each Coaching Partner is vetted for recognized credentials, verifiable experience, and excellent client reviews before being introduced to members. The goal is to give women leaders greater confidence as they select the professional support they need to continue growing and advancing in their careers.



An Experienced Leadership and Team Coach

Fyalka brings more than 25 years of experience in leadership, corporate training, and organizational development — and credentials that are easy to verify. Her book, *Walking the Leadership Ledge: The "NEW" Leader's Guide to Building Resilience and Confidence at Every Step*, earned three first-place Fall 2025 BookFest Awards, including the Women in Business category. Currently, she is one of only 246 professional coaches in the United States to hold the International Coaching Federation's Advanced Certification in Team Coaching, and a 2024 Illinois Women in Leadership ATHENA award nominee. Having led in commercial business, higher education, nonprofit, and government settings — including nearly a decade building a company's leadership development infrastructure that earned back-to-back Apex Training Top 100 honors — she coaches from lived experience.

As Owner of Angle Coaching and Communication LLC, Fyalka offers St. Louis area members one-on-one coaching for emerging leaders, mid-level managers, and C-suite executives. She also offers group and team coaching, leadership development programs, corporate training, and assessments including the Leadership Circle Profile, EQ-i 2.0, and DiSC.

"Leadership can feel like walking a ledge. Every step forward requires resilience and confidence you're not always sure you have," said Fyalka. "I understand those pressures because I have experienced them myself. My coaching gives leaders a trusted thought partner, honest feedback, and practical tools they can use immediately. I'm honored to partner with the Women Leaders Association and help women professionals across St. Louis continue to grow and lead."

St. Louis-area members can now view Fyalka's full profile, schedule a complimentary 30-minute consultation directly through her calendar, or send her a private note through the site, at <https://StLouisWomenLeaders.org/coaching.html?coach=TessFyalka>

"Our vetting process focuses on the credentials, experience, and client results that help take the guesswork out of choosing a coach," said Lydia Price, 2026 Volunteer Chair of the Women Leaders Association. "Tess brings an exceptional combination of professional coaching credentials, real-world leadership experience, an award-winning book on leadership, and client results across two decades and four sectors. Bringing that caliber of coach to our St. Louis members is exactly what this program was built to deliver."

The St. Louis launch is part of a national rollout, with the association planning to extend the Coaching Partners program across its network of more than 130 chapters, pairing each city's members with coaches selected for that market.

Advancing Women Through Information and Individual Support

The Coaching Partners program extends the association's broader mission of giving professional women both the structural transparency and the individual support they need to advance. Research from Pew and others estimates that women still earn roughly 15 percent less than men on average, and most women have little visibility into which employers actually advance women fairly. The Women Leaders Association has invested heavily in closing that information gap: its Glass Ceiling Score project, uses big data to score most major U.S. employers on how fairly they promote women into management and executive roles, and its chapters publish Best Women Employers rankings, compensation studies, and annual Top 50 Women Leaders awards. Coaching Partners adds the complementary, personal dimension: once a member can see the landscape clearly, a proven coach helps her move through it.

About Tess Fyalka

Tess Fyalka is an award-winning author, leadership development coach, team coach, corporate trainer, and speaker. She is the owner of Angle Coaching & Communication, LLC (anglecoaching.com). She is an ICF Professional Certified Coach (PCC) with the ICF's Advanced Certification in Team Coaching (ACTC), a Certified Professional Co-Active Coach through the Co-Active Training Institute, and a Team Coaching Certified Practitioner through the Global Team Coaching Institute, with additional certifications spanning the Leadership Circle, EQ-i 2.0, organization development, Crucial Conversations, and change leadership. She has authored or ghost-written more than 2,000 articles, white papers, blogs, and book chapters on management and leadership, and her book *Walking the Leadership Ledge, The "NEW" Leader's Guide to Building Resilience and Confidence at Every Step*, is available at walkingtheleadershipledge.com. St. Louis members can schedule a free consultation through her profile at <https://StLouisWomenLeaders.org/coaching.html?coach=TessFyalka>

About the Women Leaders Association

The Women Leaders Association is a non-profit committed to the development and advancement of women in the corporate arena. With 43,000 members and more than 130 chapters in major cities, it is the largest publisher and events organization serving women professionals, producing conferences, leadership programs, original research, and daily publications for its members. We also celebrate the top 50 business women in each city, publish a Glass Ceiling Score ranking how well most employers advance women, and then recognize the best women's employers in each city from these rankings.

Events Near You: <https://WomanLeaders.org/r/>

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