

## **Tara Sherry-Torres**

Tara is a creative entrepreneur, cultural influencer, thought leader, TEDx speaker, 2014 Pittsburgh Magazine 40 Under 40 recipient and one of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's 2015 People to Meet. This past March, Tara was named one of the 2016 Creators of the Year by the Pittsburgh Technology Council. Tara is a regular contributor for Hip Latina magazine and Visit Pittsburgh's blog.

For over 10 years, Tara has been working in community-based organizations in New York City and Pittsburgh, with an emphasis on community organizing and economic development. Originally from Brooklyn, NY, Tara's passion for people and places led her to pursue her Masters in Social Work from The University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work, concentrating in Community Organizing.

In 2014, based on her belief in the power of culture, Tara founded Cafe Con Leche, an award-winning events production. Through events and digital media, Cafe Con Leche highlights authentic Latino culture using art + food. Tara uses her platform to inspire Latinos to express their creativity, celebrate their culture and become innovative community leaders.