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Elise is a versatile consultant specializing in strategic change management and program development for small to medium-sized international nonprofits and social impact enterprises. Drawing on deep experience leading international program initiatives and business operations, she integrates an unusual breadth of knowledge, practical insight, and cross-functional perspective into critical issues planning. Elise also serves as a senior consultant with Right Management, motivating, advising, and training corporate and nonprofit candidates of all levels on best career transition practices.

During 20 years at the Open Society Foundations, Elise served as Deputy Director-Operations and Facilities Management, managing a broad spectrum of daily operations across 3 NYC locations and 450 staff; she was also instrumental in advisor selection, space design, staff communications, and relocation facilitation for multiple reconstruction projects, including an award-winning, landmarked headquarters renovation. Prior to this, as Special Assistant to the President, she served as liaison for staff and advisors during an early period of policy development, and administered a growing docket of global discretionary grants.

Elise held her Fulbright Fellowship (1977-8) at the Education Research Center in Toyama, Japan. A life member of the National Fulbright Association, she also served 4 years as Board President of the Greater NY Fulbright Alumni Chapter. For over 30 years, she has regularly hosted, mentored, and otherwise participated in programs for visiting Fulbrighters and foreign students through One To World.

Elise is a graduate of Princeton University (B.A-History) and has received further training and certification from New York University, INSEAD, and The New School.