

## **Kara Scott**

*2024 Elissa M. Garofalo*

*Community Impact Award honoree*

Kara Scott is a passionate supporter of her community with more than 30 years of experience achieving audacious goals. She has founded, participated in, and championed community and nonprofit organizations for most of her life.

Kara was recently selected as the cohort lead for ReImagine Appalachia's ReImagine Your Community program. Kara leveraged her strengths in building cohesive, high-performing teams to develop and host the first-ever Carbon County Community Vision session in June. She is planning the next session on October 30<sup>th</sup> and welcomes your participation.

Kara is a long-serving member of the Bowmanstown Borough Council who is now in her 4<sup>th</sup> term. She is also the chair and charter member of the Carbon County Council of Governments, a voluntary association representing local municipalities to provide cooperative planning, coordination, and technical assistance on issues of mutual concern.

In keeping with her passion for community and strength as a connector, Kara founded Bowmanstown Area Residents Connected (BARC). BARC was proud to receive the Environmental Partnership Award from the Pennsylvania Environmental Council and the Northeast Pennsylvania Environmental Partners. She also founded the Bowmanstown Area Action Committee to fight for local right against a proposed trash transfer station in the borough alongside the Lehigh River.

Kara previously served as president of the Pennsylvania Community Rights Network and as a member of the National Community Rights Network. She has volunteered for the Bowmanstown Planning Commission, Family Promise, Team Rubicon as a grey shirt, and the 1Love foundation, which supports victims in Sierra Leone.

Kara is the proud owner and operator of Gypsy's Sweet Retreat and enjoys learning something from everyone she meets.

Kara is certified by iPEC for both Professional Coaching and ELI – MP (Energy Leadership Index Master Practitioner) and has degrees in psychology, communication, and recreation.

Through decades of service and volunteering, Kara has mastered the skills to organize and fundraise for her community.

