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Amita Swadhin joined Peer Health Exchange in May 2012. As the Los Angeles Executive Director, Amita is responsible for developing, managing, and evaluating the PHE Los Angeles program, raising funds, and managing the local staff and Board. She provides fiscal and organizational oversight for the city site and leads local strategic planning.

Amita brings over a decade of experience as a nonprofit manager, consultant, youth development specialist and social justice advocate to her work with PHE. Prior to joining PHE, she served as the Coordinator and a cast member of *Secret Survivors*, a theater project she conceived of in 2009 for NYC-based performance group Ping Chong & Co. featuring survivors of child sexual abuse telling their stories. Before that, she held full-time positions in New York City nonprofits and public institutions, including Kingsborough Community College (CUNY), Make the Road NY, Global Kids and Legal Momentum. Amita has also served as a consultant to the Liberty Hill Foundation, Social Justice Philanthropy Collaborative, National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum, and Bard High School Early College; an Education Pioneers Fellow at The Broad Foundation and a Media Fellow at the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD); a Faculty Member at Sadie Nash Leadership Project; and the Board Chair of the National Youth Advocacy Coalition.

She is the co-host of *Flip the Script*, a weekly radio show on KPFK Los Angeles, and enjoys writing and performing poetry in her spare time.

Amita holds a B.S. in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and an M.P.A. from the NYU Wagner School, where she was a Catherine B. Reynolds Fellow in Social Entrepreneurship.