



## 2017 Annual Conference on Citizenship

**Join with national civic health network partners and other individuals and organizations concerned about critical challenges facing the nation**

Are you concerned about challenges facing our nation? Discouraged that infighting and bitter partisanship are affecting our ability to move forward?

**Worried that something noble and beautiful in the American democracy is in jeopardy?**

While it appears that bitter polarization is the norm, that's just one perspective. Yes, divisive partisanship has been tearing apart friendships, families and communities...

However, **many** passionate and dedicated Americans are working intently to build bridges and identify solutions to addressing critical challenges facing communities across the nation.

These citizens are just like YOU! They're innovating **bold solutions that transcend partisan politics and ideological differences ... while focusing on solutions that incorporate and respect individual voices.**

At the National Conference on Citizenship, **we believe that every person has the ability to help their community and country thrive.**

As measured by the *Civic Health Index* over the past ten years, **communities with more engaged citizens – those with strong indicators of civic health - have higher employment rates, stronger schools, better physical health and more responsive governments. *Civic Health Index* partnerships have changed the way governments go**



**about their work, reintroduced civics to our classrooms, redirected investments, influenced national and local conversations, and bolstered a network of civic leaders across the country.**

What is our personal and collective responsibility in solving problems faced by our communities and our nation?

With a focus on strengthening civic life in America, the **2017 Annual Conference on Citizenship** will take an honest look at some of the critical issues facing communities today – from a dearth of civic learning, to the raging opiate epidemic, to the persistent opportunity gap confronting our nation’s youth in marginalized communities.

Many innovative leaders and grassroots visionaries will share their perspectives as we collectively consider actions designed to create more engaged, resilient communities.

Nationally recognized keynote speakers include Sam Quinones (author of *Dreamland: The True Tale of America’s Opiate Epidemic*) and Harvard Professor Robert Putnam (author of numerous books including his most recent *Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis*).

Network with more than 100 leaders from the field of civic engagement.

Join these respected leaders, grassroots visionaries, change agents and advocates — leaders who are committed to building bridges across divides and implementing solutions designed to make our communities and our nation more equitable, inclusive and healthy.

**Join us for the 2017 Annual Conference on Citizenship to be held in Washington DC on October 19-20, 2017.**

To learn more and register for the conference <http://www.ncoc.org/>

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