



National Conference on Citizenship



Exploring Civic Learning as a Pathway to Equity and Opportunity

A collaboration between NCoC and Philanthropy for Active Civic Engagement (PACE)

MEETING DETAILS

Location:

Hall of States
444 N. Capitol Street, NW, Second Floor
Washington, DC 20001

Date and Time:

Thursday, March 1, 2018
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES

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The National Conference on Citizenship (NCoC) and Philanthropy for Active Civic Engagement (PACE) have undertaken a collaborative exploration to understand the potential of civic learning as a tool to equip communities in addressing the challenges and divisions they face. The goal of the exploration is to see if and how we might open a dialogue about how to reimagine, re-incorporate, and maximize the potential of civics during this divisive time; enable communities to build an inclusive foundation of engaged citizens; and embrace and position civic learning as part of a solutions set to addressing challenges, particularly inequity and lack of opportunity.

The purpose of this convening is to advance a dialogue with the field about what philanthropy and other leaders can do to support civic learning as a pathway to equity and opportunity in the context of four recommendations that emerged from the first two phases of this project. The recommendations include:

1. Expand the picture of who is a civic educator and who needs civic learning;
2. Utilize civic learning as a tool to increase understanding and engagement across lines of difference, while ensuring a shared foundation of knowledge about history;
3. Ensure civic readiness is a critical component in the college and career preparation pipeline; and
4. Support cross-sector collaboration to advance civic learning. Ensure it is not just the responsibility of our education system, but of the entire community, to prepare young people for their role in enhancing civic life toward the goal of improving the civic health of their communities.

Objectives:

Through this convening, we aim to accomplish the following:

- Define the value proposition of civic learning to address societal inequities, improve community outcomes, and find a place for everyone in the civic experience.
- Identify what is needed to make the case that civic learning is part of the solutions set that can influence equity and opportunity outcomes.
- Develop action plan, based on recommendations from the field, for philanthropy and other leaders to support and invest in civic learning as a pathway to increased equity and opportunity for students, institutions, and communities.



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AGENDA

- 8:30 - 9:00 AM** **Breakfast Served and Registration Opens**
- 9:00 - 9:25 AM** **Setting the Stage: Why Explore Civic Learning as a Pathway to Equity and Opportunity (Room 233/235)**
Kristen Cambell, Philanthropy for Active Civic Engagement
Sally Prouty, National Conference on Citizenship
- 9:25 - 10:00 AM** **Introductions**
- 10:00 - 10:45 AM** **Grounding Context and Naming Barriers: What do we need to consider about Equity and Opportunity**
Moderator: **Sally Prouty, National Conference on Citizenship**
Panelists: **Willair St Vil, District of Columbia Department of Human Resources and Linda Harris, Youth/Workforce Development Policy Consultant**
- 10:45 - 11:30 AM** **Presentation and Participant Discussion: Civic Learning as a Pathway to Equity and Opportunity - Recommendations 1 and 2**
Recommendation 1: **Peter Levine, Tufts University and Deidra Lewis-Robertson, Community Renewal International**
Recommendation 2: **Bill Muse, National Issues Forum Institute and Dawn Chitty, African American Civil War Museum**
- 11:30 - 11:45 AM** **Break**
- 11:45 - 12:30 PM** **Presentation and Participant Discussion: Civic Learning as a Pathway to Equity and Opportunity - Recommendations 3 and 4**
Recommendation 3: **Thomas Showalter, National Youth Employment Coalition and Capri St Vil, The Corps Network**
Recommendation 4: **John Ramirez, Accredence and Lee Arbetman, Street Law**
- 12:30 - 1:15 PM** **Lunch and Gallery Walk: Recommendations for Exploring Civic Learning as a Pathway to Equity and Opportunity**
- 1:15 - 2:00 PM** **Grounding Context and Naming Barriers: What we need to consider about Civic Learning during this Divisive Time**
Moderator: **Kristen Cambell, Philanthropy for Active Civic Engagement**
Panelists: **Harry Boyte, Center on Democracy and Citizenship, Augsburg College and David Randall, National Association of Scholars**

- 2:15 - 3:45 PM** **Action Planning: Recommendation Small Group Breakouts**
(Rooms 233, 235, 231, 285)
Facilitators: **Kristin Cotter, National Conference on Citizenship**
Janice Lombardo, Philanthropy for Active Civic Engagement
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- Group 1:** Expanding Civic Learning: Incorporating New Educators & Students (Room 235)
Group 2: Understanding & Engagement Across Difference (Room 285)
Group 3: Civic Readiness & Preparation Pipeline (Room 231)
Group 4: Cross-sector Collaboration & Community Engagement (Room 233)
- 4:00 - 4:45 PM** **Action Planning: Recommendation Report-Outs (Room 233/235)**
Groups 1-4
- 4:45 - 5:00 PM** **Closing and Commitments**
- 5:00 PM** **Adjourn**
"American Creed" Film Screening to follow at Aspen Institute at 5:30



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