

Learning Exchange: **Deliberative Dem and Economic Health: Making the Connection**

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- What **innovations, ideas, opportunities, and/or action steps** received the most support among your group?

Build on current research that shows correlations between DD and economic health to more fully determine if, indeed, citizen engagement leads to economic growth and well-being and, if so, why/how. Doing so would not only make an economic case for DD work, it would clarify practice by clarifying the mechanisms at work.

Add a social equity perspective to the research that would clarify if engagement not only enhances economic development, but also equity of opportunity and outcome, or how it could do so.

Develop a compendium of best practices for applying DD work to economic issues, from regional economic planning to participatory budgeting.