

Core conference themes:

1. **How do we move from diffuse democratic experiments to more just, comprehensive, democratic systems?**
2. **How do we educate and prepare citizens to be more effective participants in a just and deliberative democracy?**

Learning Exchange: Embedding Deliberative Practices in Local Democracy Part II (Terry Amsler, Will Friedman, and BongHwan Kim)

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- What **innovations, ideas, opportunities, and/or action steps** received the most support among your group?
 - Institutionalizing more broadly leadership training around deliberative practices. People in positions of governmental leadership get training. Training for community members and public officials need training in skills.
 - Building capacity and training workshops, peer-to-peer, city managers to work with others, mayors with mayors. Record with data, goals and indicators, focus on diversity and tap into it. Increasing capacities at universities, community colleges, and civic entrepreneurs. New strategies with climate change and budget, new situations that need new ways of talking about things. Budgeting forces people to talk around tough choices, need political coverage for electeds. With climate change, mayors are signing on but don't know how to get to commitment. Take advantage of crises.
 - Making sure flip the default to deliberation. Plan strategic initiatives carefully and design to incorporate resources, measures of success, tightly designed to be successful, formal and informal. Formal legal structures and informal cultural practices, invest all in one package. Invest in expertise and bundle it together.
- In the probes (suggestions, not mandatory questions), we ask about **language, assessment, and technology**. Please share with us anything regarding these topics that resonated with your group.
 - Distinguish formal embeddedness and informal. If enforceable, citizens can say this is a right that I have. Informal is we just allow you to do this and we can change it if we choose. That's why charter changes important, makes it legal, and enforceable.
 - Easier to embed ways to measure participation, is public hearing or isn't.... DD slippery.
 - Difference between institutionalization and embeddedness.
 - For an Office of Civic Engagement, how do you define your mission? How do you define civic engagement?
 - A comprehensive effort that attends to internal needs for institution and external needs for people.

- In the probes, we ask about **justice, equity, and freedom**. Please share with us anything regarding these values that resonated with your group.
 - There was discussion about the dangers of replicating inequalities in new forums like the selection criteria for LA Neighborhood Councils resulting in wealthy white people dominating council.
 - There were comments regarding inclusiveness.

- Were there **people** in your group who were interested in working on these ideas? (If so, please be specific about who and the plans being hatched.)
 - There were no clear plans hatched or people interested in working on them beyond what they are already doing.

- Based on the discussion, what do you think should be the **top priorities** for educators and practitioners?
 - Training for community members and public officials.
 - The group did not prioritize.