4/11/2017 19:01 **Ted McConnell:**Yes Ma'am
4/11/2017 19:21 **Ken Rolling:**Where are there programs that teach, develop civic engagement and/or democratic practice in youth - 16-24 year olds? [See also: <http://www.yesmagazine.org/people-power/where-they-teach-students-how-to-revitalize-their-local-communities-20170316>]
4/11/2017 19:22 **Ted McConnell:**What is the role of Civic Learning, K-12 in spurring volunteers; encouraging young folks running for office and using great tools like Pop Vox?? And Ann: Cambell for Governor 2024, she's young, tested and ready!
4/11/2017 19:29 **Tom Tresser:**Tom Tresser, CivicLab Chicago here - [www.civicalab.us](http://www.civicalab.us/), and "Chicago Is Not Broke" Book Project at [www.wearenotbroke.org](http://www.wearenotbroke.org/). The funders who SAY they support civic engagement have GOT to step up. My work is oppositional to the Chicago Machine, privatization and corrupt politics. Local and national founders have served more as muzzles and gate-keepers and protectors of the status quo than anything else. When will this change?
4/11/2017 19:34 **Jan Brennan:**Active and engaged civic learning is key. One opportunity - new report from Education Commission of the States on leveraging ESSA to expand civic education <http://www.ecs.org/essa-mapping-opportunities-for-civic-education/>
4/11/2017 19:36 **Tom Tresser:**My work in Chicago since 2009 - over 125 meetings - all organized by different groups yet my civic work turned down 15 times by Knight, INN, McCormick, Joyce, Chicago Community Trust, MacArthur. The Far Right and Religious Right (with Koch Brothers funded infrastructure) have won. Justice has lost. You all are going to have change your game.
4/11/2017 19:41 **Ted McConnell:**AMEN!
4/11/2017 19:43 **Tom Tresser:**Got 39 minutes? Watch "Justice Has Lost. A Call To Action for Nonprofit Leaders & Customers" at <http://tinyurl.com/Justice-Has-Lost>.
4/11/2017 19:44 **Luke Repici:**"Amplifying our differences rather than bridging them" - Agree! Is there some role for funders to not merely make grants, but also be a resource/mechanism for bringing local groups together - across issues, across geography - in favor and defense of come core small d democratic principles (e.g. rule of law, civil rights).
4/11/2017 19:48 **Alison Young:**I think then, there's also a role that philanthropy can and should play around defining measures on how we define success on those "baby steps." Uniting the field on interim measures could be a great, tangible step.
4/11/2017 19:49 **Tom Tresser:**I've been doing on-line/off-line organizing since 2008 - when we stopped privatization of Lincoln Park - see [www.protectourparks.org](http://www.protectourparks.org/). Done with no budget and no office and in spite of HUGE indifference from heavily funded so called civic watchdogs and policy shops. You all need to pay attention to and give $ to the Voice of Opposition. Also, fund massive voter registration by social service, community serving nonprofits.
4/11/2017 19:51 **Ted McConnell:**Thank you Dr. Cambell!
4/11/2017 19:55 **Ted McConnell:**The civic learning community, especially the supplemental civics programs community have engaged in a revolution of innovation making the subject much more engaging. The Philanthropic Community should help bring these exciting, non-partisan programs to scale!
4/11/2017 19:59 **Tim Kubatzky:**Civics Ed can focus on local/community issues that are not necessarily political. See Annette Strauss Institute at UT Austin and its [Speak Up! Speak Out!](https://moody.utexas.edu/centers/strauss/speak-up-speak-out) program.
4/11/2017 19:59 **Tom Tresser:**Kristen, I will be in DC end of April for Consultation on Conscience - <http://www.rac.org/consultation-conscience-2017>. Would you have time to meet Monday 5/1? or early 5/2 tom@civiclab.us
4/11/2017 20:00 **Luke Repici:**To avoid politicizing civic discussions, it might help to think of it as more basic and foundational. Consider a sports analogy - Before we even get to pick a team we need to understand the rules of the game. Then maybe the second step is to say there are some fundamental rule infractions that we all can say are problems to be remedied (eg: citizens in Michigan should be able to drink their water). Thanks all for your perspectives. Great discussion
4/11/2017 20:01 **Tom Tresser:**Amen, "invest in the power of organizing" ! From your mouth to...
4/11/2017 20:02 **Kathy Partridge:**don't allow the "traditional lag time," philanthropy! amen!
4/11/2017 20:03 **Amy Farrell:**Thank you great info and discussion
4/11/2017 20:03 **Ted McConnell:**Thank You, each of you. You each run vital programs, thanks for sharing your wisdom!
4/11/2017 20:03 **Beth Gonzales:**Thank you!