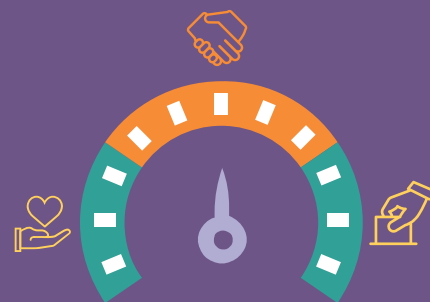


What is Civic Engagement?



Civic engagement is the process of helping people be active participants in building and strengthening their communities, whether defined as a place or a shared identity or interest.

It's a spectrum of ways people can participate in self-governance, from interactions with government to voluntary associations, and everything in between.

At its best, civic engagement provides personal fulfillment and builds trust throughout communities.

It's a really personal and values-oriented experience.

Broadly speaking, the values associated with fostering civic engagement...



ARE ABOUT

- ☒ **Trusting and respecting how a community wants to take action for itself**
- ☒ **Creating agency and power in people, particularly those most affected in a community or by an issue**
- ☒ **Nurturing or fostering, healthier, stronger, happier places to live**
- ☒ **Engaging community members in a process**
- ☒ **Promoting transparency and participation**

ARE NOT ABOUT

- ☒ **Forcing an opinion or agenda on a community**
- ☒ **Disempowering or silencing people**
- ☒ **Eroding or undermining a community**
- ☒ **Forcing a political agenda**
- ☒ **Promoting corruption or exclusivity**