

PACE's Civic Culture Funders Lab (CCFL) is an interactive, flexible, two-year lab designed for established and emerging civic culture funders to explore frameworks and roles, connect with peers, access practical tools, and address key challenges across the civic culture ecosystem.

Quarterly Format

Each quarter, CCFL will offer a menu of options across recurring formats, designed to serve a wide range of participant paths. You are invited to choose a minimum of 3 sessions per quarter, in line with your goals and interests.

QUARTERLY KICK-OFF

Lab-Wide Connect

ALL LAB PARTICIPANTS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

- Plenary sessions on quarterly theme (e.g. metrics, tech, narrative)
- Guest speakers focused on top requested tools and topics
- Lab-wide workshops & discussions

LEARNING & EXPLORATION

■ EXPLORATORY

FACILITATED

Civic Culture Foundations

NEW CIVIC CULTURE FUNDERS

Talks and discussions focused on key civic culture concepts

PEER EXCHANGE

Book Club (ish)

ALL EXPERIENCE LEVELS

Book / journal club-style; participants can choose from list of suggested resources to discuss (or tune in to listen!)

DESIGN & STRATEGY

■ PRAGMATIC

"Defining Your Work" Workshops

EMERGING CIVIC CULTURE FUNDERS

Practical reflection tools and exercises for you to clarify your role and goals

Case Studies & Mastermind

ALL EXPERIENCE LEVELS

Brief peer + practitioner case studies followed by breakouts for tackling your current challenges

FIELD & EXPERIMENT

■ GENERATIVE

Frictions & Fieldbuilding

CIVIC CULTURE LEADERS

Candid discussions to address field-level issues, critiques, and forces blocking progress

Systems Sandbox

CIVIC CULTURE LEADERS

Emergent spaces for brainstorm, collective actions, or experiments that may serve or improve the ecosystem

QUARTERLY FEEDBACK

Leadership Reflections

ALL WELCOME

- Report on quarterly signals
- Town hall-style invitation for feedback, reflections, and recommendations
- Naming key topics and needs

Key Lab Offerings

VIRTUAL SESSIONS

90 minutes

Flexible offerings that prioritize interaction, dialogue, and practical outcomes.

KOLAB

Collaboration spaces

Shared virtual space where sessions will be hosted and outputs captured, with open access for participants in between sessions.

LAB COMMONS

Living digital artifact

Shared website that captures insights, frameworks, and collaboration opportunities, becoming an ecosystem tool beyond the lab.

RESOURCE LIBRARY

Peer & practitioner built

Part of the Commons, a dedicated space for organizing and finding relevant resources.

IN-PERSON SESSIONS

TBD

Beginning with the PACE annual meeting in Detroit, with future possible Lab gatherings to be determined.