

Collaborating with Communities around COVID-19, Climate, and Community Concerns: A Roundtable Discussion

OVERVIEW

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's Standing Committee on Advancing Science Communication and the Civic Science Fellows, through the Rita Allen Foundation, are pleased to host the first of two roundtable discussions featuring leaders and community partners from 6 collaborations that facilitate community engagement around science, on topics such as COVID-19, climate, and the environment. Leaders from each collaboration will share insights on how to:

- Build connections, trust, and relationships in diverse communities
- Engage in ways that center local interests, recognize differences, and honor local voices
- Collect and use data and research evidence
- Build processes that allow for flexibility and iteration
- Identify and work toward mutual benefits

Audience questions collected during the event will inform the agenda for a 2nd roundtable discussion to be held the first week of June.

EVENT GOALS/OBJECTIVES

1. Shape thinking and identify actions that could be taken to build a culture and supportive ecosystem for science communication and engagement.
2. Connect professionals, organizations, and community leaders who work at the research-practice-community nexus to help build a community of practice to support those doing collaborative science engagement.

ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPANTS

- **Achieving Community Tasks Successfully (ACTS)**
 - Bridgette Murray, Executive Director
 - Tracy Stephens, Community Developer
- **Climate Knowledge Exchange, New York City Mayor's Office of Resiliency**
 - Adam Parris, Deputy Director for Climate Science and Risk Communication
 - Treston Codrington, Public Engagement Associate, Public Agenda
- **British Science Association's Community Buddies**
 - Anna Woolman, Engagement Manager
 - Mohammed Rahman, Founding CEO, Rochdale Science Initiative



- **New Mexico Culture of Health**
 - Sharon Finarelli, Executive Director, New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils
 - Daniel Hena, Pueblo of Tesuque Health Council
- **PLANET MassCONNECT**
 - K. Vish Viswanath, Principal Investigator, Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health
 - Elecia Miller, Community Coordinator, Mayor's Health Task Force, Lawrence, MA
- **Thriving Earth Exchange**
 - Raj Pandya, Senior Director
 - Katherine Egland, Leader and Co-founder, Education, Economics, Environmental, Climate and Health Organization

AGENDA

1:00 p.m. **Welcome**

Angela Bednarek, Member, Standing Committee on Advancing Science Communication
Elizabeth Christopherson, President and CEO, Rita Allen Foundation

1:05 p.m. **Introductions**

Moderator: Clio Heslop, UK–US Civic Science Fellow

1:25 p.m. **Approaches to Collaborating with Communities around Science:**

Moderators: Clio Heslop, UK–US Civic Science Fellow
Adnaan Wasey, WGBH Civic Science Fellow in Science Communication

- How have you approached collaborative community engagement in your work?
- What do you see as a particular success of your collaboration, and what did it take to accomplish that?
- If you were offering advice to others working or planning to start a collaboration like yours, what would you want them to know?
- What is one challenge to your work that you would most like support in addressing – from research, from funders, or from people involved in other similar efforts?

2:25 p.m. **Concluding remarks**

Angela Bednarek, Member, Standing Committee on Advancing Science Communication

2:30 p.m. **Adjourn**