



RT GEN NOW

Civics 101

Day 1

An aerial photograph of a dense urban grid, likely Bridgeport, showing a complex pattern of streets and buildings. A large, solid orange arrow points horizontally from the left side of the image towards the right side, positioned centrally. The text 'What makes Bridgeport stronger?' is overlaid on the left side of the image, and 'An engaged and informed electorate!' is overlaid on the right side.

**What makes Bridgeport
stronger?**

**An engaged
and informed
electorate!**

Civics 101 is a two day workshop that is free and open to the public. It pulls together people with expertise who want to share their knowledge in a fun, safe, and collaborative space.

Come build community power with us by boosting your civic knowledge!

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Registration Packet Contents

- Schedule of Events
- Participants' Bios and Contact Information
- Partner Organizations and Contact Information
- Elected Officials' Names and Contact Information
- Voting District Maps
- Voter Registration Application (in Spanish & English)

Understanding Our History

Political History Panel: What is Our Civic History?

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

What is our local history and how
does it shape our local narrative?

Featuring:

Maisa Tisdale President of the Mary & Eliza Freeman Houses

Charles Brilvitch Former City Historian

John Soltis Acting City Librarian

Moderated by: **Constance Vickers** BPT GEN NOW Member

**Lunch
Break**

See you
in 1 hour

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Building Knowledge

Planning, Zoning, & Community Development

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

What is their purpose and role
in urban civic life?

Facilitated by:

Caitlin Palmer

Principal Planner,
City of Hartford



Creating Economic
Opportunities



Empowering
Citizens



Solving Big
Public Issues



Improving
government

Bridgeport Public Schools Panel: What is healthy school governance?

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

What is the role of the Board of Education (BoE)?
What does healthy governance look like?

Featuring:

Jamilah Prince-Stewart Executive Director, Faith Acts for Education

Kate Rivera Former BoE member & Social Justice Advocate

Maria Zambrano CT Regional Director, Leadership for Educational Equity

Moderated by: **Ashli Giles-Perkins** BPT GEN NOW Member

Bridgeport Public Schools: What is our budget and funding?

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**How does Bridgeport
fund our public schools?**

**How do we set our
annual budget?**

Facilitated by:

Erika Haynes

Community Educator, Connecticut
School Finance Project

Bridgeport City Budget: What are the financial challenges?

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Facilitated by:

Niels Heilmann

BPT GEN NOW Member



Self-governance starts at home and this is a call-to-action for Bridgeport!

Be the change you wish to see in your city by engaging elected officials, running for office yourself, asking questions, and demanding answers.

**Don't miss Day 2
tomorrow!**

**Join us for specials
and free appetizers at
Metric Bar & Grill!**