

DEMOCRACY CONVERSATION PROJECT

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WHEN CONGRESS PASSED THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES ACT OF 1965,

it recognized that the arts and humanities are vital to achieving “an orderly continuation of free society.” This legislation noted that we cannot solely rely on advancements in technology to sustain us and help us grow. “Democracy demands wisdom and vision in its citizens,” the law reads. The work of the humanities – the ongoing exploration of our history, values, cultures, and beliefs – is critical to creating an informed citizenry.

The Democracy Conversation Project (DCP), a new initiative to explore civic life and democracy in New Jersey, is a public humanities project designed to convene discussions among community members.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE CONVERSATION.

Participants can explore what democracy means, what opportunities and challenges are available for nonprofits to engage with civic life, and how NJCH can best support the cultural infrastructure of the state in the coming years as we strive to live up to and improve upon the society envisioned in the founding of the United States.

Our approach to our work is more responsive, rather than prescriptive. Our goal is to create opportunities that benefit and serve our program partners. In this spirit, DCP events will focus on interaction, not presentation. Each conversation, led by our college partners, will feature two parts. The first part will focus on exploring big picture concepts. The second part, our signature “In the Weeds” conversation, will concentrate on exchange among participants about real life application and best practices.

Each ITW conversation will be hosted exactly one week later at noon.



DATE	HOST	TOPIC
TUES 3/16/21 2:30 - 4 PM	Raritan Valley Community College	When Community Becomes the Classroom, Everyone Wins
WED 3/24/21 5:30 - 7 PM	Atlantic Cape Community College	Youth, Power, and Policy
FRI 3/26/21 10 - 11:30 AM	Brookdale Community College	Voting: From Suppression to Expression
TUES 3/30/21 3 - 4:30 PM	Union County College	Who Votes in a Democracy?
WED 4/7/21 3 - 4:30 PM	Sussex County Community College	Democracy, Ethics, and Leadership
TUES 4/13/21 10 AM - 12 PM	Middlesex County College	Demographics and Disinformation
WED 4/21/21 6:30 - 8 PM	Camden County College	One Nation Under God... Divisible?
THURS 4/29/21 3 - 4:30 PM	County College of Morris	Promoting the Understanding and Value of Democracy in 2021

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