



## RI Civic Health Index Community Partner Opportunity

The Rhode Island Civic Health Index is the first-ever data-driven report assessing the state of Rhode Island's civic health. Many factors impact civic health, including community participation and community well-being. The Index will provide baseline context and information about diverse Rhode Islanders' connections to civic life, and help us to understand where we are and where we're going, together.

### Seeking RI Civic Health Index Community Partners

The Rhode Island Council for the Humanities seeks up to 10 Community Partners to participate in the development of the Rhode Island Civic Health Index, the first-ever data-driven report assessing the state of Rhode Island's civic health. Community Partners, paid a fee of \$750, will help to shape the development of the Civic Health Index based on their own experiences and insights into their communities. The Council and its partners will promote the finished Index statewide and nationwide, making it a powerful opportunity to present civic life in Rhode Island as Rhode Islanders experience it.

**Interested?** Fill out the Statement of Interest form **by February 28, 2022**. This form is copied below for reference, however to be considered, applicants **MUST** submit the form online at: <https://rihumanities.org/program/ri-civic-health-index/chi-community-partner-statement-of-interest-form/>

**Know someone who would make a great Community Partner?** Fill out the Nomination form **by February 21, 2022**. The Nomination form is copied below for reference, however to be considered, nominations **MUST** be submitted via the form online at: <https://rihumanities.org/program/ri-civic-health-index/chi-community-partner-nomination-form/>



### RI CIVIC HEALTH INDEX

*The RI Civic Health Index is a project of the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities with support from "A More Perfect Union" initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Index is being produced in partnership with the National Conference on Citizenship.*

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**NCoC**  
National Conference on Citizenship



## **FAQ:**

### *Who is organizing the Civic Health Index?*

The Rhode Island Council for the Humanities is organizing the Civic Health Index in partnership with the National Conference on Citizenship, an organization commissioned by Congress, as well as local partners. As the independent state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Humanities Council seeds, supports, and strengthens public history, cultural heritage, civic education, and community engagement by and for all Rhode Islanders.

### *What are Community Partners for the Civic Health Index? Why should I be involved?*

Community Partners are Rhode Islanders who have strong connections within their communities (geographic, religious, educational, racial/ethnic, cultural, etc.), and have taken a formal or informal leadership role within those communities. Community Partners will shape the development of the Civic Health Index based on their own experiences and insights. As a Community Partner, you can ensure that the Index reflects the stories and truths you hold about Rhode Island, and about how your communities participate in civic life in the state. The Council and its partners will promote the finished Index statewide and nationwide, making it a powerful opportunity to present civic life in Rhode Island as Rhode Islanders experience it.

### *Are there any eligibility requirements for being a Community Partner?*

To be eligible to be a Community Partner, participants must be at least 14 years of age, and they must live in Rhode Island. Given that the work of the Partners will be conducted in English, participants should have written and verbal proficiency in English.

### *What are the responsibilities of Community Partners?*

All Community Partners will contribute a total of around 10 hours of their time to the project:

- Attending and participating in three two-hour Zoom meetings (6 hours):
  - Weds., March 16, 2022 from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm EST
  - Weds., March 30, 2022 from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm EST
  - Fri., May 6, 2022 from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm EST
- Review and offer feedback on a draft of the Civic Health Index in June 2022, as well as respond to any other Index-related communications (~4 hours).

During the three meetings, Community Partners will work closely with Humanities Council staff and other partners to offer perspectives on the existing civic health-related data for Rhode



Island; to advise on the development of a survey to collect supplemental civic health-related data; and to shape the story told in the Index.

Please note that all meetings will be held virtually via Zoom, and will be conducted in English.

*Is there compensation for Community Partner participation?*

Yes. Each Community Partner will receive a fee of \$750.00 paid upfront in full.

*What is the timeline for the project?*

- **Monday, Feb. 28, 2022, 11:59 pm EST:** Community Partner Statement of Interest Form due
- **Friday, March 4, 2022:** Community Partners announced
- **Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm EST:** First Community Partner meeting
- **Wednesday, March 30, 2022, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm EST:** Second Community Partner meeting
- **Friday, May 6, 2022, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm EST:** Third Community Partner meeting
- **June 2022:** Offer feedback on draft of Civic Health Index

*How will Community Partners be selected?*

The Humanities Council and its project partners will select up to 10 Community Partners based on their eligibility for participation; connections to communities in Rhode Island; their ability to fully participate in the process as outlined; and their interest in civic life in Rhode Island. The project partners seek to work with a group of Community Partners that represents the full diversity of Rhode Island across all metrics (age, gender, race/ethnicity, geography, religion, education, etc.). The composition of the Community Partner cohort will include:

- At least 3 members age 25 and under
- At least 5 Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)-identifying members
- At least 5 members from outside the urban centers of Providence and Newport
- Gender parity among the group

*How do I become a Community Partner?*

Thank you for your interest! Please fill out this Community Partner Statement of Interest Form by Feb. 28, 2022 at 11:59 pm EST:

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*What if I know someone who would be a great Community Partner?*

Wonderful—we accept nominations! Please fill out this Community Partner Nomination Form by Feb. 21, 2022:

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Please note that all nominated individuals must be eligible for participation and will need to complete the Statement of Interest form in order to be considered. The Council will contact nominated individuals to request that they complete the Statement of Interest form. If selected, the nominated individual must be able to attend the meetings and fully participate as a Community Partner.

*What if I have questions about the Civic Health Index or Community Partner opportunity?*

Great question! We will have a number of opportunities for you to receive more information and ask questions:

- **[Information session via Zoom | Thursday, Feb. 17 from 12:00-12:45 pm EST](#)**: Please join us! The session will also be recorded and posted on our website afterwards. To register, click here:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpdeGhqDojHdK5Nmql7jX7\\_SXWDV5hZEWA](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpdeGhqDojHdK5Nmql7jX7_SXWDV5hZEWA)
- **[Drop-in Office Hours via Zoom | Friday, Feb. 18 from 1:00-3:00 pm EST](#)**: If you have any questions, feel free to drop in to our virtual office hours. To register, click here:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsdu6gpjlrHd08RJP5kbe90jJ-OMod2Wd->

With any other questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to [civichealthindex@rihumanities.org](mailto:civichealthindex@rihumanities.org), and we will get back to you as quickly as we can.



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***RI Civic Health Index Community Partner Statement of Interest Form***  
***PDF VERSION FOR REFERENCE ONLY. FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED***  
***ONLINE TO BE CONSIDERED***

Thank you so much for your interest in joining the Rhode Island Civic Health Index project as a Community Partner! Community Partners, paid a fee of \$750, will help to shape the development of the Civic Health Index based on their own experiences and insights into their communities. The Council and its partners will promote the finished Index statewide and nationwide, making it a powerful opportunity to present civic life in Rhode Island as Rhode Islanders experience it.

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Community partners will be announced on **Friday, March 4, 2022**.

For more information, please reference our FAQ. And, please do not hesitate to contact [civichealthindex@rihumanities.org](mailto:civichealthindex@rihumanities.org) with any questions!

**QUESTIONS:**

*First Name [open response, required]*

*Last Name [open response, required]*

*What pronouns do you use (eg. they/them, she/her, he/his)? [open response, not required]*

*Phone number [open response, required]*

*Email [open response, required]*

*Town/City of Residence [drop-down menu, required]*

*Are you connected with any other towns or cities in Rhode Island? For example, did you grow up in a town or city in RI that you don't currently live in, or do you work or go to school in another town or city? [open response, not required]*



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*Age range [drop-down menu, required]*

- 14-25
- 26-40
- 41-57
- 58-65+

*Are you currently enrolled as a student in Rhode Island? [drop-down menu, required]*

- Yes
- No
- Other

*If "Other", please explain. [open response, not required]*

*How do you describe your gender identity? [open response, required]*

*How do you describe your racial/ethnic identity? [open response, required]*

*Are you proficient in verbal and written English? [drop-down menu, required]*

- Yes
- No
- Other

*If "Other", please explain. [open response, not required]*

*Which communities do you feel connected to in Rhode Island? How long have you been connected to these communities? How are you involved with your communities? [open response, required]*

*Why is Rhode Island's civic health important to you? Why do you want to serve as a Community Partner in the RI Civic Health Index? [open response, required]*

*Attendance at Community Partner meetings is a requirement of this role. Do you expect to be able to attend all scheduled meetings? The meetings will be on Zoom on:*

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- Wednesday, March 30, 2022, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm EST
- Friday, May 6, 2022, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm EST) [drop-down, required]



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- Yes
- No
- Other

*If "Other," please explain. [open response, not required]*

*Is there anything else you'd like to share with us? [open response, not required]*

For Reference ONLY



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### **QUESTIONS:**

*Your First Name: [open response, required]*

*Your Last Name: [open response, required]*

*Your Email: [open response, required]*

*Your Phone Number: [open response, required]*

*The Nominee's First Name: [open response, required]*

*The Nominee's Last Name: [open response, required]*

*The Nominee's Email: [open response, required]*





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*The Nominee's Phone Number: [open response, required]*

*Why are you nominating this person to be a Community Partner? [open response, required]*

*Does this person know that you have nominated them? [drop down, required]*

- Yes
- No

*Can you please confirm this person's eligibility for participation?*

- Is this person at least 14 years old?
- Do they live in Rhode Island?
- Are they proficient in verbal and written English?
  
- Yes
- No
- Other

*If "Other", please explain. [open response, not required]*

*Upon receiving this nomination, we will contact your nominee and request that they complete and submit our Statement of Interest form. If they do not complete and submit this form by Feb. 28, 2022 at 11:59 pm EST, we will not be able to consider them for this opportunity.*

*Do you permit us to invite your nominee to submit a Statement of Interest Form? [drop-down, required]*

- Yes
- No
- Other

*If "Other," please explain. [open-ended, not required]*

*Is there anything else you would like to share with us? [open-ended, not required]*