Our Mission.

Our mission is to inform, connect and engage the public to strengthen the civic health of our region.

It’s our vision that, along with natural wonder, innovative business and vibrant culture, the Puget Sound region is defined by informed people engaged with their leaders in effective democracy.
Our Work.

- Civic Cocktail
- Civic Boot Camp
- Year in Review
- Legislative Preview
- Civic Health Index
- WA State Debate
- Legislative Preview Coalition
- More

Our programs and projects focus on improving Civic Health through Leadership Accountability, Community Engagement, and empowering of individuals to have impact.

“Civic Boot Camp always brings together a unique blend of people from across the city, in terms of both presenters and participants.”

— Bryce Campbell, General Consulate of Canada in Seattle
What Will This Presentation Look Like?

We want to explain Civic Engagement, why it is necessary, and how you can be a more effective engaged citizen.

Feel free to ask questions at any time, but we will leave some room for questions and answers at the end as well.
What is Civics?

Civics is an umbrella term that refers to the rules, duties, and processes by which a community governs itself.

Civic Engagement then, refers to the ability of individuals to participate, change and check their community. Civic Health refers to the strength of that engagement and the clarity of the paths that let individuals participate.

“What really matters from the point of view of social capital and civic engagement is not merely nominal membership, but active and involved membership.”
— Robert Putnam, Bowling Alone: The Collaspse and Revival of American Community
The Case Foundation recently presented extensive research to understand the political opinions of young people in America. Seattle CityClub produced its own findings on Seattle’s Civic Health.

- What are the top issues of concern to young Americans today?
- What groups do we trust?
- Are we on track as a country?
- Who votes? Who believes voting matters?
- How do we act?
- Who is involved?
- What does it look like in Seattle?
Effective Civic Discussion

How do we talk to people we honestly disagree with about issues that mean a lot to us?

**Argue**
- A – Assertion
- R – Reasoning
- E -- Evidence

**Respond**
- Restate
- Refute
- Support
- Conclude

**Compel**
- Story of Self
- Story of Now
- Story of Us
Cultural Narrative Simulation

Cultural Narratives are the stories, histories, and mythologies that help us understand our community and those outside it.

1. In groups, read over your cultural narratives.
2. Then read the situation and honestly respond how you would handle the situation.
3. Present to the larger group your argument. Talk through the differences.
Opportunities to Get Involved

Seattle CityClub is open to all people and, acknowledging our country’s history, realize that we need to make a positive effort to open our doors.

- Civic Boot Camp Scholarship
  https://seattlecityclub.org/civic-boot-camp/scholarship-application/

- Civic Cocktail Scholarship
  https://seattlecityclub.org/civic-cocktail-scholarship-form/

Email cityclub@seattlecityclub.org for volunteer opportunities
Thank you!

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Questions?