

## PARTICIPATORY WORKSHOPS & SESSIONS

Saturday, January 26, 2019

### MAINSTAGE

#### **The Time for Ranked Ballots Has Come**

*London, ON did it, learn how your community can to do it too*

Hear the story of how the City of London implemented ranked ballots in their 2018 municipal election. Featuring long-time community advocate **Dave Meslin**, London's Deputy Mayor **Jesse Helmer** and newly elected London City Councillor **Arielle Kayabaga**, the session will be facilitated by **Kate Graham**, a Londoner and political scientist. Learn how ranked ballots work, and how you can advocate for it in your community.

### ROOM B

#### **Smart Cities I: Inclusion**

*How to spark local change when technology and data play increasingly prominent roles*

During part one of this two-part workshop, unpack the concept of a "Smart City" and discuss what inclusion might look like in one. Facilitated by **Toronto Smart Cities Open Forum + CityInclusive – Future Cities Visioning**, particular emphasis will be given to the role of historically marginalized communities, youth and youth-run initiatives in leading the charge in building inclusive Smart Cities.

### ROOM C

#### **How to Run a Successful Campaign**

*Built by local campaigners, for local campaigners*

This mini-accelerator, brought to you by the **Open Democracy Project**, works to open the democratic process by sharing campaign resources and offering community-sourced advice on running local campaigns.

### ROOM D

#### **Design as Protest**

*Interrogate the systems, policies, procedures and practice that perpetuate injustice in our world*

Protesting is a roadblock to injustice and ultimately an affirmation of its alternatives. Design speaks to these alternatives and attempts to visually and physically represent our collective aspirations for the future. Join **Design As Protest (DAP)** to identify the systems at play in our communities with the explicit intention of addressing the systemic issues of injustice. Facilitated by **Colloqate Design** founder **Bryan C. Lee Jr.** with support from artist **Helen Yung**.

### ROOM E

## **Lessons from Participatory Budgeting**

*Looking to Kitchener, ON's experience in community-led budget planning*

In Kitchener, the Participatory Budgeting (PB) process focused on the design of voting systems for use in building participatory budgets. During this workshop facilitated by **University of Waterloo's Sean Geobey**, attendees will be provided with an overview of PB, how it works and its expected benefits — as well as outlining the experimental approach and tools used in Kitchener.

ROOM G

## **Inspire Democracy with Tools That (Net)Work**

*Elections Canada's resources for your communities*

Join the **Inspire Democracy** team for a sneak preview of **Elections Canada's** newest resources for electoral participation. This pre-release workshop introduces three new tools that participants can bring back to share in their communities.

ROOM H

## **The Ghetto is Public Policy**

*Segregation and School Disinvestment*

Where you live determines where you go to school, your access to food options, health resources, safety and so much more. Chicago was built on racial and economic segregation and schools show this trend. Come learn about this history and more importantly what youth in the northwest side of Chicago are doing to take back the rights of their neighbourhoods, facilitated by youth from the **Logan Square Neighborhood Association**.

ROOM I

## **Does Increased Community Connectedness Lead to a Stronger, Healthier Democracy?**

*Research indicates that populations who are more connected socially score higher on democratic health rankings*

Did you know that the number of people who prefer democracy as the best form of governance for Canada has dropped over the past five years? Join **Simon Fraser University's Morris J. Wosk Centre** democracy team in an interactive workshop that probes this trend and identifies what interventions could change it.

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ROOM B

## **The Mayoral Campaign Beyond Elections**

*A case study on how mayoral candidates have reshaped our cities*

Win or lose, mayoral candidates have an extraordinary opportunity to shift dialogues, set priorities and shape their cities. Facilitated by political scientist **Kate Graham**, this case study session provides an opportunity to hear from mayoral candidates who, although unsuccessful in their elections, were able to mount inspiring campaigns and advance big ideas.

ROOM C

**Student Leaders' Response to OSAP and Fee Changes**

*Going through the Ford government's changes to the accessibility and quality of Ontario's postsecondary system*

**The Ryerson Leadership Lab** and the **Ryerson Students' Union** are partnering to host this workshop designed to help students and other interested parties learn more about the recently-announced changes to tuition, OSAP and fees — and help those students plan a strategy to respond.

ROOM D

**DXC Freestyle Social**

*Test drive a new social tool to strengthen our democracy*

Closed thinking and increasing polarization are growing threats to democracies around the world. Join us to participate in a new social tool called a Freestyle Social. This fun interactive debate is designed to support critical thinking and build trust within communities by coming together around shared values and face-to-face conversation. Facilitated by **Evidence for Democracy** and **Science Everywhere**.

ROOM E

**Community + Digital Workshop**

*Building better tech with community organizations*

Community organizations and grassroots campaigns often don't have the resources to identify or implement appropriate new technologies. Meanwhile, there are lots of experienced tech folks who'd like to volunteer their tech and design skills. Facilitated by **Civic Hall**, this workshop will bring together community orgs with tech needs — and people with tech skills — to meet, fix small bugs (if you've got 'em), and build relationships needed to tackle bigger tech challenges.

ROOM F

**Cooperation: A Polite Economic Revolution**

*How can we save the planet and redistribute wealth using tools we already have?*

In this interactive session, facilitated by organizer and web developer **Dru Oja Jay** and designer **Aaron Williamson**, attendees will discuss the economic transformation and creative mobilization needed to rapidly achieve the climate transition and address social crises through the lens of a well-established model: cooperatives.

## ROOM G

### **Parkdale Community Benefits Framework: Building Equitable Local Economies**

*Hear community research methods and philosophy for community wealth building*

Toronto's Parkdale community has put forward a framework for collective equitable planning by stipulating a set of minimum standards for development and investment targets within the fields of five deeply rooted community principles. This framework is not meant to be exhaustive, and instead is meant to be a pivoting and reframing of existing exploitative relationships between wealthy developers and economically marginalized community members. Facilitated by Parkdale's own **Mercedes Sharpe Zayas** and **Ana Teresa Portillo**.

## ROOM J

### **Smart Cities II: Alternative Urban Futures**

*What are civic strategies to advocate for the alternative urban futures we imagine and for open smart cities?*

Join the second part of this two-part workshop to dream up alternative urban futures for Toronto. This session builds on the conversations about inclusion to engage participants in groups and come up with practical ideas for Torontonians grappling with smart cities. Facilitators include a wide variety of city builders, including **David Murakami Wood, Molly Sauter, Tracey Lauriault, Brenda McPhail, Bianca Wylie,** and **Nabeel Ahmed**.

## COMMONS 1

### **Discourse Media: Reinventing Local News to Serve Democracy**

*How can journalists better serve the public?*

Over 260 local news outlets have closed in Canada over the last decade. The good news is that the disruption of the news industry offers a rare opportunity to transform the sector, and dozens of new digital outlets are emerging. In this workshop, participants will join local news innovator **The Discourse** to discuss how journalists can better serve the public — especially people who have been historically excluded from the media.

## COMMONS 2

### **Vote PopUp**

*Let's make sure that every voice is heard*

How do we engage first-time and infrequent voters? How do we demystify the voting process without ever telling people they should vote? Join the **Samara Centre for Democracy** for a hands-on workshop to learn how to use Vote PopUps during the upcoming Federal Election.