



the 2018
CIVVYS
AMERICAN CIVIC
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Announcing 23 Outstanding Efforts of Civic Collaboration as Finalists for Civvys Awards

With the midterm elections just over three months away, in a nation that feels more divided than ever, a treasure trove of hope and inspiration appears. The 23 finalists for the American Civic Collaboration Awards, or the [Civvys](#), showcase exemplar cases of high-impact civic collaboration that bring people together, engage communities in political and social action, and enact long-lasting change.

Now in its second year, the Civvys acknowledge inspiring work that's national, local, youth-focused or involves the political process. They are sponsored by three highly respected non-partisan organizations: the Bridge Alliance, Big Tent Nation and the National Conference on Citizenship.

Finalists were selected from a competitive field of exceptional submissions from all corners of American life. By recognizing projects and processes that emphasize collaboration, civility and on-the-ground impact, the Civvys are a powerful means to honor this work and inspire more of it.

An esteemed committee of reviewers – comprised of leaders in civic engagement, politics, research and community impact – will select a winner in each category to receive their awards at the National Conference in Citizenship on October 18, 2018 in Washington, D.C.

If you would like to conduct interviews with the finalists, please contact caroline@bigtentnation.org. Additionally, there is room for press to attend and cover the award ceremony on October 18 in Washington, D.C.

The 2018 Civvys Finalists

Political

Cases of collaborative political leadership, campaigns, or reformed political processes

- Congress to Campus by USAFMC
- Leslie Danks Burke, Trailblazers PAC
- Seattle City Club Washington State Debate Coalition
- RCV Education Effort (The Chamberlain Project Foundation and The Foundation for Independent Voter Education)
- Representative Kim Dudik, Montana State Legislature

National

Projects with a nationwide scope and audience

- ENACT: The Educational Network for Active Civic Transformation
- L. Douglas Dobson, Lou Frey Institute
- Louise Dube, iCivics
- Make America Dinner Again (Justine Lee, Tria Chang)
- Maria Yuan, Issue Voter
- Rob Fersh, Convergence Center for Policy Resolution

Local

Projects with a local, statewide or regional focus

- Betty Knighton, West Virginia Center for Civic Life
- Christie Lassen and Alli Jessing, Howard County Library System
- Colorado State University Center for Public Deliberation
- Interfaith Works El Hindi Center for Dialogue (Beth Broadway, Peter Willner and team)
- Janet Harris, Winthrop Rockefeller Institute
- Make Shift Coffee House, Craig Freshley

Youth

Projects led by or for children, teenagers or young adults

- Bridge the Divide
- First Vote NC
- Inspire U.S., Hannah Mixdorf and Chelsea Costello
- Junior State of America's Council of Governors
- Lynn University, Project Civitas
- Montevallo Junior City Council

All honorable mentions and finalists are available at www.civvys.org. Follow the conversation around this exciting work on social media using #Civvys.