The Agnese Nelms Haury Program in Environment and Social Justice is pleased to host:

Civic Engagement 101
Facilitators: Dora Martinez, Natalia Molina, Robert Ojeda
Community Food Bank

January 23-24, 2020
8:30 am to 5:00 pm
University of Arizona, ENR2 Building, Room N595, 1064 E. Lowell Street, Tucson, AZ

Inclusive decision-making within communities is an essential precursor to social justice in, and sustainability of organizational systems. We know that thriving communities have at their center strong, inclusive, organized, and civic-engaged people that capitalizes on the ideas and talents of all community members to address challenges or areas of opportunity in that community.

In Civic Engagement 101, participants will learn basic skills and tools in community organizing and civic engagement designed to facilitate: understanding personal power, a historical overview of and analysis of power in Tucson, and the power of leveraging relationships in shared community work.

Examples of exciting engaging activities include how to meet with a person in power, using a stick figure for power analysis, discussion of leadership qualities, how to host an individual meeting and the framework for a successful house meeting. This introductory-level training is intended to inspire those who are curious about the basics of community organizing and the value of civic engagement. Prior participants of this training have gone on to become leaders of neighborhood associations, creators of community collectives, agents of change in the community, and much more.

We welcome UA students, faculty, staff, community members, and non-profits to attend!

This workshop is limited to 16 participants and you must be able to attend both full days. Please express your interest by filling out the webform – click here or by copying and pasting this link into your browser: https://www.haury.arizona.edu/civic-engagement-101-rsvp

Your attendance will be confirmed with a separate email.
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Agenda

Day 1 – January 23, 2020

8:30 am Breakfast

9:00 am to 5:00 pm Activities:

Welcome & Introductions
Facilitators from the Community Organizing Team at the Community Food Bank will briefly share their story.

Housekeeping
Together, we will identify guidelines and norms for a successful conversation.

Personal experience with power
In this exercise, we ask participants to share a personal experience recalling when they had to confront or engage with a person of power where there was an imbalance.

Debrief activity
Through shared stories and experience, we grow and heal. In this activity, we will learn the importance of sharing and listening to stories as a means to build trust.

Framing
“Based on the book *Going Public,*” together we will discuss why this work matters. This will frame the remainder of the session.

The Story of Us – Historical Examination of Power in Tucson
All politics is local. Through this historical examination we will look at what has transpired in Tucson historically. Who have been active participants? Who has been left out of these discussions? What have been the effects of such?

Lunch

Power and Powerlessness: Meeting with someone in power
Meeting with a CEO? A Dean? A local political official? In this interactive activity, though role playing, we will learn how to meet with a person in power and run an effective interaction.

Stick Figure Tool
Learn how to map out and do a power analysis on a person through simply using a stick figure. Find out and map out what a person’s interests, values, and what grounds them and map them on a simple stick figure.

End of Day reflection
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Day 2 – January 24, 2020

8:30 am Breakfast

9:00 am to 5:00 pm Activities:

Community agreements, housekeeping, etc.

Check-in and reflections from Day 1

Public and Private Relationships
As a public figure community volunteer or community organizer, it is critical to maintain a separation between one’s private life and public life. A discussion of this practice and discipline will be offered.

Storytelling, One-on-Ones, and Relational Organizing
What we share in our stories, how we meet with people individually and organizing is all very intentional. We will discuss, offer examples and practice what this looks like.

Qualities of Leaders
Together we will discuss what do you identify as good qualities in a leader. Is it a matter of being born a leader or nurtured to be a leader? Do you see yourself as a leader?

Lunch

House Meetings
A social gathering is not a meeting. A house meeting is very intentional. Learn the craft and skills to assemble a house meeting with a purpose, people who are committed to the cause and compelled to action

Small group work
This will be an opportunity for participants to think about how they are feeling and how the learnings can apply to their own lives. Some ideas will be shared with the larger group.

Top Ten List of Things You Can Do Today

Evaluations

Reflection and Final Wrap-up