

Agenda

Civic Switchboard Institute

October 17 - 18, 2024

Location: Kyle Morrow Room, Third Floor of [Fondren Library](#), Rice University, 6100 South Main Street, Houston, TX 77005

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Meeting ID: 919 6440 2205

October 17, 2024: 10 am - 4 pm

Coffee and light breakfast fare will be available beginning at 9:30 am.

10 - 10:15 am: Welcome and Settling in

10:15 - 10:30 am: Participant Introductions

10:30 - 11:15 am: An introduction to Civic Switchboard and civic data

11:15 - 11:30 am: Break

11:30 am - 12:15 pm: Library roles and civic data

Lunch: 12:15 - 1:15 pm

1:15 - 2:00 pm: Mapping your civic data ecosystem

2:00 - 2:30 pm: Case Study Activity

2:30 - 2:45 pm: Break

2:45 - 3:45 pm: Civic data roles for your library [Canvas planning]

3:45 - 4 pm: Day 1 Wrap-up

October 18, 2024: 9:30am - 2pm

Coffee and light breakfast fare will be available beginning at 9:15am.

9:30 - 11 am: Regional Examples of Civic Data Work: Fondren Library and Kinder Institute for Urban Research, Rice University

11 - 11:15 am: Break

11:15 am - 12:15 pm: Embedding Data Justice in our Library Roles

12:15 - 1 pm: Lunch

1 - 2pm: Discussion about Community of Practice and Institute Assessment

Institute Objectives

The objectives for our Institute participants include:

- Connect with other regional library workers and expand a community of practice focused on libraries and civic data;
- Explore your civic data ecosystem and potential roles for your library;
- Connect with exemplars of library civic data intermediary work by engaging with the work of host site;
- Discover critical dimensions of data work, including power, social justice, and responsible data practices to mitigate harms.

We define “civic data” as data about our communities created by government and civic organizations (including libraries!).