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[\*Generate Democracy! Partners Forum & LinkedIn Group\*](#)  
[\*Local Intersections - Inter-Movement Democracy Hubs Project 2024\*](#)

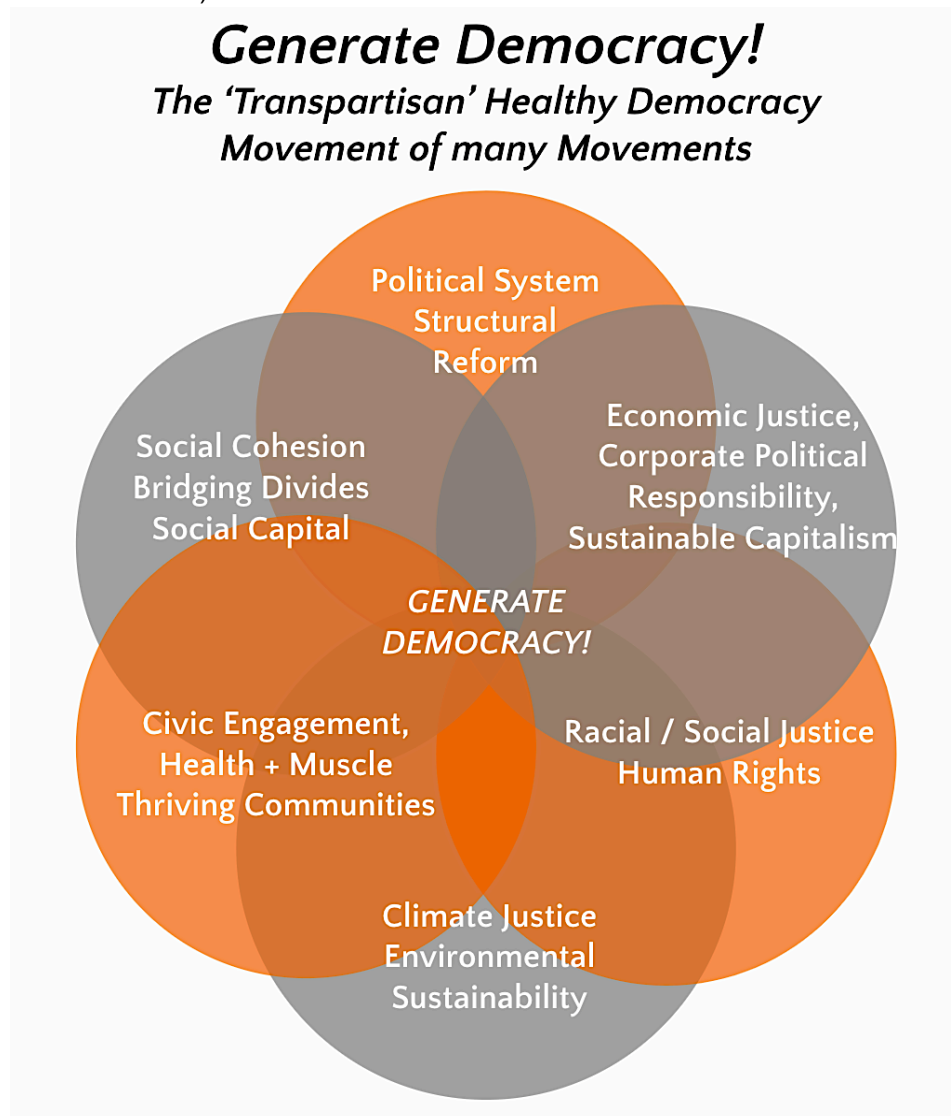
[The Inter-Movement Impact Project \(IMIP\) is a sponsored project of Mediators Foundation](#) and we are in good company with Living Room Conversations, Civic Health Project and many others who abide there.

A [Transpartisan](#) **Healthy Democracy Movement of many Movements** is evolving and gaining momentum. IMIP's mission is to help build the inter-movement leadership, strategic connections, common cause collaborations, and coordinated actions that will generate the collective influence and impact needed to turn our country around.

IMIP's work is to catalyze national, state and local inter-movement common cause connections between civic leaders, reformers, bridgers, social justice advocates, community organizers, change agents, and constituency groups who are working to defend and strengthen our American democratic republic as effectively and powerfully as possible.

IMIP has identified at least six movement fields (and "others") that make up the Transpartisan Healthy Democracy Movement of many Movements.

- Political System, Structural Reform
- Civic Engagement, Health & Muscle. Thriving Communities
- Social Cohesion, Bridging & Social Capital
- Racial / Social Justice & Human Rights
- Economic Justice, Corporate Political Responsibility, Sustainable Capitalism
- Climate Justice, Environmental Sustainability
- (And Others Not Pictured)



IMIP's approach and core functions center around the mission critical role of generative conversations, forums and convenings. We provide highly intentional opportunities and effective processes to come together, build relationships and engage in the inter-movement change making dialogue that is foundational to inter-movement collective influence and impact organizing..

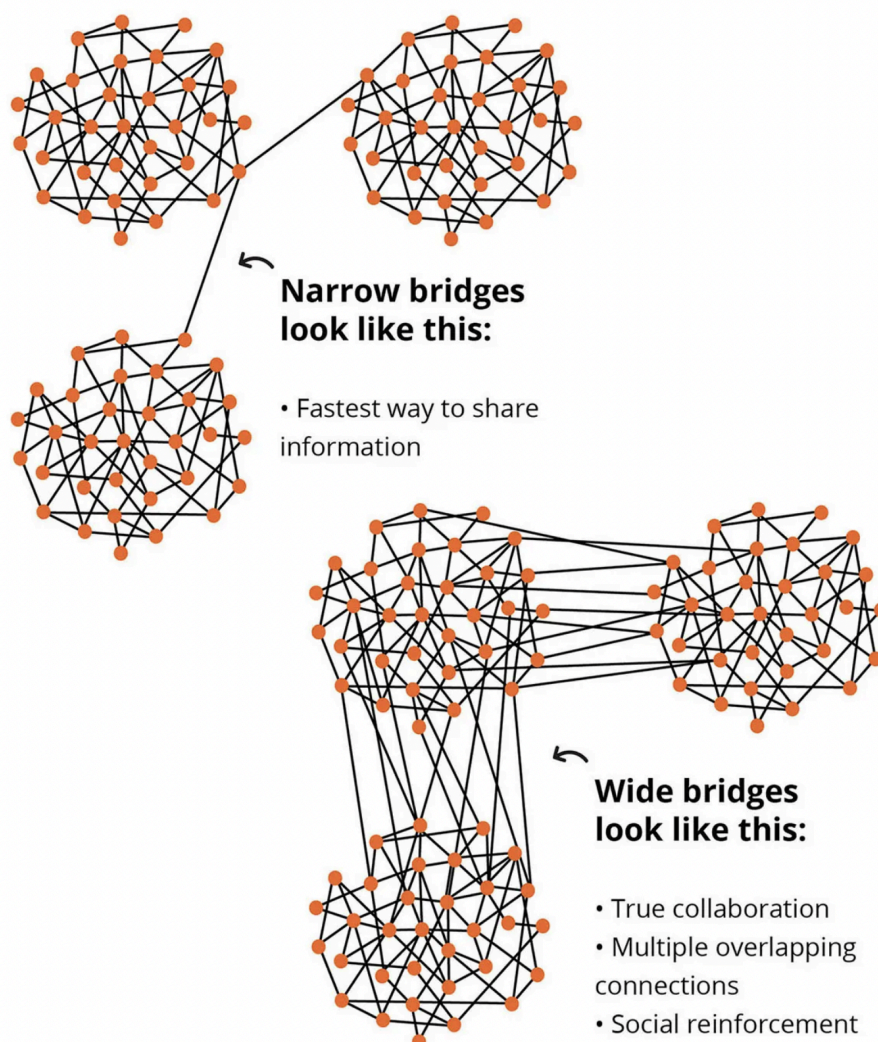
Damon Centola's research explains how social change happens and why inter-movement convenings and cross-pollination endeavors are so important. IIMIP (along with other strategic connector and weaver groups) is helping to build "Wide Bridges" between diverse movements, with common cause interests, to develop "critical mass" collective influence and impact connections, organizing and cooperative actions.

### [The 25% Tipping Point / Yes! Magazine Article](#)

*What does it take to upend conventional beliefs and behaviors?*

"..... Social scientist Damon Centola at the University of Pennsylvania has studied how social change happens. "If you want to change a culture or a social system, you need to understand the power of social networks" and he's not just talking about social media. Information and disease spread as "simple contagions," requiring only one contact for transmission. But social change typically spreads as "complex contagions" requiring multiple sources of social reinforcement to induce adoption.

***Lots of groups have some level of representation in society yet alone can't make an impact on a large scale. Bridges are tenuous connections between people in diverse social groups. By targeting "wide bridges" among different communities and political constituencies, even small groups can build coalitions, and coordinated actions to reach a critical mass."***



# INTER-MOVEMENT IMPACT PROJECT

IMIP's purpose and work is in service to realizing [Rachel Kleinfeld's](#) Strategy #4 from her '[Five Strategies to Support US Democracy](#)'. Kleinfeld's perspective and analysis is widely respected and as such this is an excellent shared movement building vision & strategy for connecting and catalyzing the Transpartisan Healthy Democracy Movement of many Movements.

***Build a Broad-based, Multistranded,  
Pro-democracy Movement ([Beloved Community](#)\*)  
around a Positive Vision Concretized in Locally Rooted Action***  
\*IMIP added "Beloved Community"

Similarly, IMIP has embraced the **Bridge, Block & Build** framework and call to action established at [The 22ND Century Initiative's July 2023 conference](#). **Together we will:**

- **BRIDGE** our ideological differences, strategies, and endeavors in order to
- **BLOCK** the advance of authoritarianism, political violence and other threats while we continue to
- **BUILD** a multiracial, pluralistic, people-powered democracy.

Being **Prefigurative** (embodying and expressing the change we seek), **Transpartisan** (transcending our political, identity, and ideological frameworks in pursuit of addressing our shared concerns) and **Seeking Out Unlikely Allies** are some other essential values / principles for this effort.

## What We Do

- **CONVENE, CURATE & FACILITATE GENERATIVE FORUMS** that foster inter-movement connections, relationship & community building, intersectional strategies and navigate dynamic tensions that arise
- **CROSS-POLLINATE** collective impact frameworks, principles, & strategy ideas across many movements,
- **INCUBATE** inter-movement strategies, common cause collaborations, synergy projects & coordinated actions, and
- **RALLY SUPPORT** for 'key lever endeavors' that are essential and intersectional to achieving the critical mass of collective impact needed to defend and advance democracy across the interdependent movements that are integral to making real progress.

## Who We Are

Starting in 2017, the pro-bono efforts of a small group of independent volunteers helped the Listen First Project / Coalition lay the foundation to develop the Bridging Divides Field into one of the best organized & aligned 'movements' in the early emergence of the transpartisan Healthy Democracy Movement of many Movements. That group of independent actors is now IMIP.

## GENERATE DEMOCRACY! PARTNERS FORUM

*Hosted by the Inter-Movement Impact Project*

This inter-movement generative change leadership and strategy forum is for those who are leaders, change agents and ambassadors for the common cause mission and work of the Inter-Movement Impact Project and the Local Intersections / Inter-Movement Democracy Hub Project.

**Generate Democracy! Partners Forum** provides a time and a place for inter-movement and collective impact organizing conversations among a smaller circle (70 or so) of generative change partners, leaders, influencers and organizers. A **GD! Google Group** also provides a simple means for connecting on strategic inter-movement organizing topics and opportunities for mutual support. A more open and public [Generate Democracy! LinkedIn Group](#) was recently launched to support and grow the GD! partners / leaders / influencers community.

As mentioned earlier, [IMIP is a sponsored project of Mediators Foundation](#). We are not trying to become a big NGO or a backbone organization. We intend to remain a nimble and responsive connector and catalyst for developing inter-movement collaborations that will provide "distributed" backbone functions and high leverage inter-movement synergy projects. Our hope is that this Generate Democracy! Partners Forum (group of 70 to start) does and will provide a solid 'core group' for growing a cohesive inter-movement / generative change community that helps develop and accomplish what no single Backbone NGO can do.

## **LOCAL INTERSECTIONS PROJECT - INTER-MOVEMENT DEMOCRACY HUBS**

The Local Intersections Project recognizes that democracy is, to a great extent, generated, expressed and experienced 'where we live'. Much of the inter-movement work, to foster and manifest a healthier US democracy, is and will continue to be a "place based" citizen, civic and community development phenomenon.

**The aim of Local Intersections Project is to strategically and considerably interconnect existing local, state and national citizen, civic and community development entities and endeavors who recognize that fulfilling their missions can be better achieved by adopting the Transpartisan Healthy Democracy Movement of many Movements and Inter-Movement Collective Influence and Impact Organizing frameworks.**

When invited by a locality, Local Intersections Project will assist existing place-based civic leaders, community organizers, constituency groups and political reform coalitions during their start up efforts to:

- Create their own place-specific Local Intersections - Inter-Movement Democracy Hub & Forum
- Convene and connect to respond to one or more urgent & important issues / opportunities
- Gain strength through mutually beneficial inter-movement connections and collaborations with national entities and other Inter-Movement Democracy Hubs and leverage their 'value add' programs, resources and sharing of best practices
- Expand and enhance their collective influence and impact coalitions and organizing effectiveness
- Grow & sustain their own homegrown Inter-Movement Democracy Hub & Beloved Community, and
- Develop a sense of belonging and connection to a growing network of State & Local Inter-Movement Democracy Hubs and the National Transpartisan Healthy Democracy Movement of Many Movements.

**The Local Intersections - Inter-Movement Impact Democracy Hubs Project** is a priority focus for 2024. We have partnered with more than two dozen organizations to develop a process to support diverse local organizers, reformers, civic groups, activists, interest groups, and constituency groups to create their own local inter-movement impact hubs.

Through a dedicated monthly **Inter-Movement Community Forum** these local and state democracy hubs can connect and collaborate with national resources, infrastructure and programs from across the healthy democracy ecosystem to better address the challenges and needs of their state or local community (including things like countering political violence, building trust in elections, winning structural reform campaigns, and / or addressing gun violence as just a few examples).

IMIP is piloting the inter-movement democracy hub development process in Washington state and co-producing a guide for replicating the process in local communities across the U.S. We are seeking partners and resources to support a 50 State and/or Localities strategy. We want to collaborate with others to build our shared capacity to respond quickly and effectively to a growing number of invitations from States and Localities. There are currently about a dozen places that are in the queue to create their own inter-movement impact forum and expanded coalition.

Like IMIP, the Local Intersections Project's mission is in service to realizing the '**Concretized in Locally Rooted Action**' part of [Rachel Kleinfeld's 'Five Strategies to Support US Democracy'](#) Strategy #4.

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Pro-democracy Movement (Beloved Community\*)  
around a Positive Vision Concretized in Locally Rooted Action***

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