



Citizen Participation University 2018

Monday, July 2

09.00 - 15.00

Arrivals

15.00 - 18.00

Story-of-Self Introductory Session

A chance to get to know your fellow CPU participants.

18.00 - 19.30

DINNER

19.30 - 22.00

Participant “marketplace” and barter fair

This social activity allows different country groups to share a little bit of food, drink, and culture from their home country. There will also be a barter fair where participants can bring and trade items with others. Finally, we will use this opportunity to announce “CPU Village News”, a modified version of open-space meetings, which will allow participants throughout the week to connect with other people at CPU who have similar interests and want to set aside time to talk about them.

Tuesday, July 3

Discovery and Mobilization: The World We Want

08.00 - 09.00

BREAKFAST

09.00 - 09.15

Warm-up Session

09.15 - 09.30

Opening Remarks

- [Mate Varga](#), President of the [Civil College Foundation](#), will greet participants and update us on the state of affairs in Hungary in light of recent government attacks on civil society organizations.

09.30 - 11.30

Keynote Session

Critical pedagogy and political participation in an illiberal democracy

- Tessa Udvarhelyi is an activist and educator. In 2009, she co-founded The City is for All, the only grassroots housing advocacy group in Hungary and she is also the co-founder and director of the [School of Public Life](#). Tessa completed her PhD in environmental psychology at the City University of New York. Her dissertation was about the responses of the state and grassroots movements to the housing crisis in Hungary. Tessa has a strong background in both formal and non-formal education. In 2016 Tessa was selected as the 36th Hungarian Ashoka fellow for her work with Hungarian social movements.

11.30 - 11.45

BREAK

11.45 - 13.30

Learning Labs

- The effectiveness of the Roma social inclusion projects funded by the EU, led by [Jean Goracel](#), a Romania-based Roma activist and [analyst](#) of civil society affairs
- Participatory action research as a tool for community organizing with Tessa Udvarhelyi from the [School for Public Life](#)
- Multi-stakeholder processes for collaborating and co-creating knowledge towards sustainable futures. Examples from the application of Transition Management approach in multiple contexts with [Giorgia Silvestri](#) of the [Dutch Research Institute for Transitions Studies](#) in the Netherlands
- Local “municipalist” interventions into the political space with Jelena Milos and Marina Ivandic from [Zagreb je Nas](#)

13.30 - 15.00

LUNCH

15.00 - 18.00

Group Workshop: Republic of Kunbábony

This will be a chance for CPU participants to “flex their strategic thinking muscles” in a fun and engaging exercise using role-play workshop exercises based on our previous years’ exercises of the same name.

18.00 - 19.30

DINNER

19.30 - 21.00

Outdoor CPU Film Festival

- *Documentary film plus discussion on using documentary techniques to empower and illuminate with [Nick Thorpe](#).*
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Wednesday, July 4

Community Connections and the Power of Word and Story

08.00 - 09.00

BREAKFAST

09.00 - 13.30

Hands-on Workshops:

- **Community Forum Methodology:** [Nicu Cuta](#) and [Jean Gorace](#) of Romania and [Roman Haken](#) of Social and Economic Committee of the EU will lead a workshop exploring the participatory method for the initiation of community projects with minority groups using the Community Forum methodology and the Community Led Local Development, creating social business plans, and providing funding for CSOs through social businesses.
- **The Transformative Power of Stories:** Expanding community connections and mobilization. In this workshop we will learn about “Writing to Heal The World and Yourself.” By Writer [Barbara Renaud Gonzalez](#), MSW, Social work; Writer, Journalist, Chicana activist from the United States.
- **Digital Tools to Scale Up Our Movements:** How do we “scale-up” our local organizing and community work? How do we tap into bigger political moments and capture a wide audience at just the right time that public attention has turned to the issues we have been struggling over for years? This hands-on session will give participants an opportunity to explore two broad areas of digitally-fueled movement making tools: online organizing and citizen journalism. Co-presented [Tudor Bradatan](#) (Romania), [Weronicka Paszewska](#) (Poland) [Mate Varga](#) (Hungary), and [Héctor Huerga](#) (Spain) .
- **Theatre as a Tool for Community Development:** a workshop to familiarize participants how to use different tools based on theatre to empower different vulnerable groups and engage them in public actions for community development, lead by Silvia Petre, an expert in non-formal education from the organization [Association Pro Xpert](#) in Romania

13.30 - 14.30

LUNCH

14.30 - 18.00

Off-site social activity

18.00 - 20.00

DINNER

20.00 - 21.30

Outdoor CPU Film Festival or other free time activity

Thursday, July 5

Marginality as a Place of Power and Innovation

08.00 - 09.00

BREAKFAST

09.00 - 09.15

Warm-up Session

09.15 - 09.30

Group Check-In

09.30 - 11.15

Keynote Session:

Combatting Racism and Economic Exclusion

- [Jess Campbell](#), is the Co-Director of the Rural Organizing Project in Oregon, USA where she has worked on the front lines of the struggle against radical right wing organizations in the United States. She is the co-author of [Up In Arms: A Guide to Oregon's Patriot Movement](#), which documents the growth of white nationalist movements in the United States and offers a toolkit for citizen groups to fight back.
- In the early 1990s [Gruia Bumbu](#) established the Democratic Union of Roma in Alba Iulia, Romania. In the mid 90s, he ran for MP with the United Roma Coalition Party. From 1998-9, he was Interim Director of Romani Criss. Gruia was one of the young Roma leaders negotiating the EU Decade of Roma Inclusion at the beginning of the 21st Century. In 2005, Gruia was instrumental in establishing Pakiv Romania, a non-profit dedicated to confronting social and structural issues of discrimination and segregation directed at the Roma ethnic minority in Romania.

11.15 - 11.30

BREAK

11.30 - 13.30

Learning Labs:

- *TSI-Manifesto and TRANSIT project Learning Lab with Giorgia Silvestri from the [Dutch Research Institute for Transitions](#) in The Netherlands.*
- *Ellen Van Doren, Chris Haesendonckx and Steven Degeynst will share about innovative community programs working with communities marginalized from the labour market in Belgium called “Intercompetent” and “Patchwork.”*
- *Combating the rise of the radical right and the assertion of white supremacy: organizing in majority and minority communities. Session with Martina Strmenova, coordinator of [Not in Our Town in Slovakia](#); [Jennifer Epps-Addison](#), the national board president of the Center for Popular Democracy in the United States; Jolna Natherova, an organizer working in Roma communities in Slovakia with the Center for Community Organizing; and Jess Campbell from the Rural Organizing Project in the US.*
- *Taking a step into political organizing – seminar on the experiences of moving from community organizing to political engagement with Lavinia Chiburte and Vera Turcanu Spatari, organizers from the [Center for Public Participation](#) in Romania, and Gordon Whitman, Deputy Director of [Faith in Action](#) in the United States and author of the recently released book [Stand Up! How to Get Involved, Speak Up, and Win in a World On Fire](#).*

13.30 - 15.00

LUNCH

15.00 - 18.00

Final Keynote and Workshop:

Developing a “political vision”

What is the world we want to live in? It is a deceptively simple question, but it goes to the heart of what the community organizer Gary Delgado asked in his essay The Last Stop Sign: “We must not be afraid to use analytical and ideological tools to develop political vision. By political vision, I mean a vision that takes us past the strategies of a campaign, a power analysis of key players, or the tactics of a good accountability session. In order to be a critical element in future change efforts, we must work with our constituents to develop our vision of a future society.” Speakers: [Giorgia Silvestri](#) of the DRIFT Network (Netherlands), Martina Strmenova of [Not in Our Town](#) (Slovakia), [Nelini Stamp](#) of the Working Families Party (USA)

18.00 - 19.30

DINNER

19.30 - 21.00

Report backs from the Wednesday workshops and other show and tell

21.00 - 23.00

Last Night Party!

Friday, July 6

08.00 - 09.00

BREAKFAST

09.00 - 11.00

Evaluation Session and Conclusion

11.00 - 11.15

BREAK

11.15 - 13.00

Open networking and peer coaching time

13.00 - 14.30

LUNCH

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