### Where and When

**SATURDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>** 10:00am - 5:00pm

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>** 12:00pm - 4:00pm

**THE BANANALAND**162 Elm Street · 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor
Bridgeport CT 06604

### Who

# What makes a community powerful? A well-informed and engaged electorate!

That's why we started Bridgeport Generation Now, a diverse group of citizens who share the common goal of empowering ourselves and the people of Bridgeport. Our mission is to boost civic engagement through education, community organization, advocacy, and political accountability to all Bridgeport citizens, not just a select few. Our commitment to that mission is the motivation behind our upcoming event: Civics 101.

## What

Civics 101 is a weekend workshop dedicated to boosting civic knowledge and participation here in Bridgeport. It pulls together people who've been in the trenches, have subject matter expertise, and are willing to share their knowledge, with the hopes of bettering the community we all love. It is also an opportunity to engage, learn, network, and share ideas in a safe, fun, and collaborative space!

# Workshops

- Bridgeport Public Schools: Budget & Funding Erika Haynes - Connecticut School Finance Project, Community Educator
- Bridgeport City Budget & Financial Challenges
   David Walker Former U.S. Comptroller General
- Community Organizing & Political Action
   Isa Mujahid, Sarah Lewis CTCORE-Organize Now!
- Bridgeport Political History Panel
- Planning, Zoning, & Community Development
- · Running a Political Campaign
- More workshops and participants to be announced soon!

## **Partnership**

In partnership with Bridgeport Generation Now and other workshop partners, your organization will promote & build awareness of this new event for Bridgeport, helping to bring a diverse group of our citizenry and us together in a unique, urban setting. The Civics 101 Workshop gathers energetic and positive people, young and old, who want to deepen their knowledge and understanding of Bridgeport's civic structures. Partnering on this workshop will connect your organization with organizers, educators, entrepreneurs, researchers, technologists, activists, and changemakers in the Bridgeport region.

# **Target Audience**

BPTGN Members, civil servants, people interested in running for office, groups with political platforms, groups with community-based issues, and the general public.

Self–government starts at home and this is a story – a call to action – for Bridgeport too! Be the change you wish to see in your city by engaging elected officials, running for office yourself, asking questions, and demanding answers.