

connect 2024

STORIES TO INSPIRE ACTION

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Special Opportunity for Foundation Leaders and Trustees:

The Stories Leaders Must Tell, with keynote speaker **Andy Goodman** (Yellow Room)

“People don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.” To lead, persuade and motivate in general, you must share what you believe in, what values have guided your actions and choices, why you have chosen the particular path you’re on (and, presumably, want others to follow.) Marshall Ganz, a lecturer in public policy at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, calls this form of public speech the “Story of Self.” In this session, Andy Goodman will familiarize you with Ganz’s powerful model, show examples of leaders sharing this story, and provide a tool to help you identify, develop and share your own Story of Self.

This session is for leaders, board and trustees of Council member organizations.

Share What Matters: Become a Data Storyteller (Loggia, Main Conference Room)

Join the CTData Collaborative for this special workshop focused on becoming a skilled data storyteller. Learn to identify and communicate data to create compelling stories that motivate action.

Speakers: Jackie Vancour, Fionnuala Darbey-Hudgens, CTData Collaborative

Who should attend? This session is for foundation staff in a wide variety of roles, including communications, development, program, operations and administration.

Empowering Community Voices in Philanthropy (Blue Room)

Hear stories from funders engaged in community-informed grantmaking, and explore the practices and lessons of this powerful and effective approach to philanthropy.

Speakers: Lucas Codognolla, Hartford Foundation for Public Giving; **Saran White**, Leever Foundation; **Jennifer Steadman**, Aurora Women & Girls Foundation. Moderator: **Alexis Bivens**, CT Council for Philanthropy

Who should attend? This session is for staff and leadership involved in all aspects of the grantmaking process, from setting strategy to managing grants.

Understanding Connecticut Philanthropy: Stories from Sector Leaders (Green Room)

In this special session, designed for those who are relatively new to the field of philanthropy, experienced funders will share stories, key lessons, and answer questions in this mid-morning version of a fireside chat.

Speakers: Yolanda Caldera-Durant, Community Foundation for Greater New Haven; **Kathy Luria**, Harold Webster Smith Foundation; **Jay Williams**, Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. Moderator: **Katherine Gehrmann**, Lone Pine Foundation

Who should attend? This session is for anyone new to Connecticut philanthropy or interested in learning more about this sector.

Thriving in the Multi-Generational Workplace (Red Room)

This is the year the youngest working generation (the “Zoomers”) officially began to outnumber the “Boomers.” What does that mean for your organization and donor community? In short, it means we need to rethink just about everything. Join in as we discuss successful and practical strategies for creating organizations where every generation thrives.

Speaker: Allison Ebner, Employers Association of the NorthEast

Who should attend? This session is for staff and leadership of foundations across a variety of roles.