



PNW Open Government Event

U.S. Open Government Secretariat

WashCOG

Hosted by Sarah Schacht and the Allgire Project

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General Announcement



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A Message from GSA Legal

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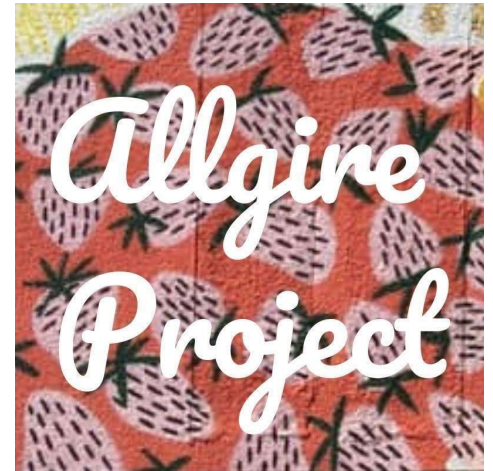
Agenda - Morning

- Welcome
- David Cuillier - Why is Open Government Important?
- Mike Webb - Chief Of Staff at Washington State AG's Office
- Mike Fancher - WashCoG
- Sarah Schacht - Connecting local issues to the national level
- Dan York GSA - U.S. Open Government Efforts
- Clora Romo - OGP local program
- Q&A

Agenda - Afternoon

- Reconvene / Introduce Activity
- Small Group Discussions Activity
- Small Group Briefs Outs
- Review Common Themes
- Closing - Thank You's

Welcome



Presentations



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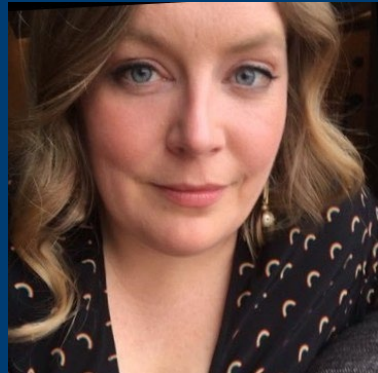
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Clora Romo

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Lunch!

Lunch in the local economy from
11:00am - Noon PT



Introduce Small Group Activity



Image credit: <https://www.deeprootcenter.org/blog/collaboration-listening-learning>

Small Group Activity!

Anti-corruption

Q1: What innovative practices can state and federal governments implement to increase transparency and reduce corruption?

Q2: How can civil society organizations contribute to monitoring and preventing corruption in government projects?

Civic Space

Q1: How can state and federal governments collaborate to promote greater public participation in decision-making processes?

Q2: How can local governments ensure that civic space remains open and accessible to all citizens?

Public Service Delivery

Q1: What role can technology play in improving public service delivery at both the state and federal levels?

Q2: How can governments ensure that public services are inclusive and accessible to marginalized communities?

Digital Governance

Q1: State and local government agencies contend that they often don't have the staff or funding to adequately deal with public records requests. Besides funding what pros and cons do you see in setting up a statewide digital portal, accessible to the public, that all governments within the state could use to automatically upload many of the documents produced in daily government business?

Q2: What should be done with records such as emails, texts and chat programs such as Microsoft Teams, that may need some redaction in the limited cases where the law protects certain information from being publicly distributed?

Open Government

Q1: What are the most effective ways to promote a culture of openness and transparency within local/state government institutions?

Q2: How can data, and what data sets specifically, can be used to improve government accountability and decision-making?

Small Group Activity

30 Minutes - Go!

[MuralBoard Link](#)

Small Group Brief Outs

Review Themes

Closing Remarks and Announcements



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Planning for the Next Event

A big thank you to the WashCOG and the Allgire Project for their part in planning and facilitating this event!

Do you have ideas for future events? Are you interested in helping with the next one? Let us know at OpenGovernmentSecretariat@gsa.gov