

3/23 VCLN Workshop

Answering the Challenge of Democracy: Building Unity, Connection, and Engagement for a Stronger Future

WHO'S ON THE CALL?

Sam Rosenberg - Moretown

Maggie Gordon - Hinesburg

Laurel Green, Bellows Falls

Sarah Rooker - Norwich

Lara Keenan - from VT Dept. of Libraries - joining from Essex, VT.

Sarah Lang, Brattleboro

Bob Farnham in Bradford

Peter Zamore South Hero

Steven Isham, St. Johnsbury

Jill Davies from Woodstock, Vermont

Jon Copans, Montpelier VT

Zooming in from lovely Bridgewater!

Seton McIlroy, Woodstock

Susan Clark—Middlesex

Joe Benning, Lyndonville, VT

Curtiss Reed Jr, Signing in from Boston

Kevin O'Brien - Brattleboro

Margaret Woodruff, Charlotte, Vt

Wendy Martin - Grafton

Meg Mott, Putney

Alyssa Johnson, Waterbury, VT

Michael Bosworth, Brattleboro

George Putnam - Cambridge

Jack Wool, Hyde Park and member of the Lamoille Fibernet CUD, Racial Equity Alliance of Lamoille (REAL).

NEKTI Consulting/Trish Sears | #WeAreLowellJayWestfieldTroyAreaStrong (COVID mutual aid)

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RESOURCES / PARTNER CONTACT INFO

Jon Copans: Click here to learn more and sign-up for VCRD's new Community Response & Recovery Cohort: <https://www.vtrural.org/leadership/actioncenters/crrc2021>

Nick Kramer, VCRD:

Here's the link to the Workshop Library: <https://www.vtrural.org/leadership/workshops/library>.

Here's the link to the Leadership Guide: <https://www.vtrural.org/leadership/guide>.

Here's the link to register for upcoming workshops: <https://www.vtrural.org/leadership/workshops>.

Tess Taylor: The Vermont Civics Collaborative through the Vermont Humanities that Jenna mentioned is possible through a grant from the Andrew W Mellon Foundation.

Jon Copans: You can find their webpage here - <https://braverangels.org/our-story/>

DISCUSSION

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