

*"The most important political office is that of the private citizen." Justice Louis Brandeis*

## **Civics for Adults—and Others! Workshops** **Enhancing Civic Knowledge / Inspiring Political Engagement**

Our democracy is strengthened when citizens have accurate and non-partisan civic knowledge.

### **CIVICS FOR ADULTS IS GOING VIRTUAL!**

WORKSHOPS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PRESENTATION ONLINE! THE FORMAT IS A PPT PRESENTATION/LECTURE OF JUST OVER ONE HOUR, FOLLOWED BY A QUESTION/DISCUSSION TIME.

### **Misinformation, Fake News and Political Propaganda**

Are you overwhelmed with messages from politicians, news sources and other media? Distinguish truth from fiction using real-world examples. Become your own "factchecker"! Also, how to find accurate information.

*"Well organized, excellent information!"*

*"This was fun and informative! Thank you so much!"*

*"Loved it...well-rounded, wide array of examples!"*



### **Citizen Activism 101—Making Change Happen**

Have a concern about local, state or federal issues? Learn about strategies for change, and more: Examples of successful advocacy; Brief historical perspective; Choosing your battles; What matters to *you*?; Who makes the rules?; Tools for change; "Lobbying"; "Tracking" legislation; providing "testimony".

*"ACTIONABLE!"*

*"Great presenter...should be a day conference!"*

*"Very practical information"*

### **The Constitution – Fulfilling Democracy's Promise?**

Look at the Constitution's creation and its structural limitations, and trace major changes to its interpretation. We puncture some myths and develop a perspective that helps evaluate its meaning more thoughtfully.

*"Every citizen should take this serious look at our Constitution."*

*"Good level of history and contemporary political ideas"*

### **Beyond Voting: Elections and Campaign Financing**

This is a unique workshop covering topics related to our electoral systems and presenting specific ideas for bi-partisan civic/political engagement. Topics include: Voting as Constitutional right(?), Voting Security, Alternative Systems, Redistricting, Electoral College, Campaign Financing, Tracking Money/Campaign Finance Databases, Public Financing of Elections

*"...solid information – This is what all Americans need to know."*

*"I consider myself a well-informed citizen but I learned a great deal of new information"*

*"You are a great teacher, Donna."*

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