



WORKSHOP DESIGN TEAM

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is [Civic Matters](#)?

Civic Matters is a program that aims to promote and expand women's civic engagement in New York City. By partnering with community organizations and program participants, it offers opportunities for women who have faced systemic oppression to learn about civic engagement and why it matters; use action-oriented tools and resources; practice using advocacy skills; and engage directly in advocacy for themselves. Civic Matters encompasses four programmatic elements starting with a Workshop series that will be followed by a web-based resource hub, a fellowship program, and a Leadership Institute.

What is the purpose of the Workshop Design Team Sessions?

The purpose is to include women as co-collaborators in every step of the planning process and enlist the experience of previous Civic Matters Workshop participants through a paid opportunity to create future workshop content that speaks directly to the priorities of participants and their communities.

When are the design sessions?

The design sessions are monthly, which means you have multiple opportunities to be a part of the process. If you like what you experience, we hope to welcome you again next month. Repeat attendance is encouraged but not required. Sessions will be 60-90 minutes long.

How many spots are available in each session?

Up to 10 previous Civic Matters Workshop participants.

Am I qualified?

The only requirement is that you have attended a Civic Matters Workshop. **No knowledge of or experience with civic engagement is required.**

What is the compensation?

\$50 per session. *Members must attend the entire session to qualify for compensation.



What are the benefits of participation?

- **Leadership:** Discussion, teamwork, program design and implementation skills and valuable experience to add to your resume
- **Learning:** Each session will have different discussion topics and activities
- **Networking:** Relationships and connections with like-minded women
- **Credential:** Attend four or more sessions and be recognized as a “Workshop Design Leader” on WCC’s website and receive a certificate
- **Flexibility:** Come to one session, or come to five! Attendance in one session does not bind members to monthly participation, though repeat attendance is encouraged.

How do I join?

Fill out this [interest form](#). Note that your indication of interest does not guarantee your participation but you will be added to a waitlist for future sessions.

How long will it take to complete the interest form?

About 2-5 minutes.

How does the selection process work?

WCC staff will select members based on responses to the registration form, level of interest, and previous workshop participation to ensure that we are getting a diverse and representative group of people in the room. After the first session, we will prioritize repeat attendance in selecting Workshop Design Team members.

Please contact civilmatters@wccny.org with any questions or concerns.