Our Mission
Educate, Engage, Connect and Empower

Arizona Town Hall educates, engages, connects and empowers people to resolve important issues through consensus, not division, using a process based on respectful dialogue that values diverse perspectives, builds relationships and fosters leadership development.

Impact

In 2016, thousands of Arizonans actively engaged in discussions about topics relevant to their communities at Town Hall programs. Programs are designed to galvanize participants who go on to implement changes in their communities and on a statewide basis.

- Two three-and-a-half-day Town Halls hosted nearly 300 people from around the state. While these people were directly involved, thousands of others were impacted by our publications and the extensive media coverage we received.
- Two Future Leaders Town Halls with over 25 satellite locations throughout the state engaged over 300 students in 17 cities and 8 counties.
- Over 20 Community Outreach Programs were held in 7 counties and attended by nearly 1,000 people.
- Community Town Halls were held that allowed a greater number of Arizonans to engage in the discussions and develop community specific recommendations.

Town Hall gatherings are designed to empower participants to be constructive members of their communities and to engage with others to address community issues. The impact of those gatherings is magnified by extensive media coverage and distribution of reports.

Town Hall Topics

Each year Arizona Town Hall addresses important issues that affect Arizona. In the spring, Arizona Town Hall met in Tucson to address Arizona & Mexico. In the fall, Arizona Town Hall met in Mesa to address Financing Arizona’s Future.

“Experiencing respectful debate and getting to know people from different viewpoints was truly an opportunity I did not expect. Together we can make changes for the betterment of our region which I love.”

Alicia Bristow, President & Owner, Oracle Women’s Network
Engaging Future Leaders

Hundreds of high school and college students from around Arizona experienced civic participation at Future Leaders Town Halls on the topics of *Arizona & Mexico* and *Financing Arizona’s Future*. These events develop civic leadership skills for Arizona’s next generation of leaders.

“This was my first Future Leaders Town Hall and it was definitely a memorable experience. It gave me ideas that I could discuss with my family and friends to raise awareness about the issues that need to be fixed.”

Keegan Koch, Sandra Day O’Connor High School

Community Programs

Before the statewide Town Hall, Community Town Halls are convened across the state in order to capture input from Arizona’s many diverse communities. Reports from the Community Town Hall sessions are then compiled and included with the participants’ background materials to further enrich the discussions at the statewide Town Hall.

After the statewide Town Hall, recommendations are communicated to a broader audience through traditional and social media, published reports, and Community Outreach Programs held around the state.

Individuals who participated in the statewide Town Hall discussions serve as presenters for the programs and share their thoughts on the recommendations. Audience members receive the printed highlights piece and are invited to engage in a Town Hall-style discussion that sets priorities and action steps for their communities.

Publications

Arizona Town Hall reports, recommendations, and highlights pieces are printed and widely distributed throughout Arizona. These reports are used by teachers, elected leaders and others as resource materials.

Special thanks to Arizona State University’s Sapna Gupta for guiding the creation of the *Arizona & Mexico* background report. Special thanks as well to Tom Rex and Dennis Hoffman of Arizona State University for overseeing the background report for *Financing Arizona’s Future*.

Background Reports provide fact-based research to inform the discussions and serve as a valuable resource for others interested in the topic.

Visit our website’s “Past Town Halls” page to download the reports from the *Arizona & Mexico* and the *Financing Arizona’s Future* Town Halls.
Consulting Engagements: Increasing Revenue While Fulfilling Our Mission

During 2016, Arizona Town Hall conducted several training events for organizations interested in learning the Town Hall process. In addition, Arizona Town Hall provided consulting services to entities interested in solutions-based discussion including the Verde Valley Forum for Public Affairs, Vitalyst Health Foundation and The Nature Conservancy.

“Our collaboration with Arizona Town Hall on our 2016 Verde Valley Forum events was a significant contribution to the ultimate success of these events centered around a very controversial topic. It was by far the most important investment we’ve ever made.”

- Dick Dahl, President, Verde Valley Forum for Public Affairs

Expanding Our Impact Through Traditional & Social Media

In 2016, Arizona Town Hall increased efforts to expand it’s impact through various media efforts. Town Hall convenings were featured in nearly 30 print articles and numerous televised and radio features. Most media links can be accessed from the Arizona Town Hall website. Arizona Town Hall also increased its social media presence with digital and video content.
2016 Income and Expenses

**2016 Income Sources**
- Donated Goods & Services 27.46%
- Partnerships/Sponsors 26.94%
- Program Revenues 28.03%
- Membership Dues 8.73%
- Consulting 4.23%
- Individual Contributions 4.56%

**2016 Expenses**
- Program Expenses 93%
- Admin. Expenses 7%

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**2016 Corporate and Professional Partners**

**Premier Partner ($50,000 and up)**
- APS

**Consensus Partners ($15,000)**
- Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- Salt River Project

**Collaborator Partners ($10,000)**
- Union Pacific Railroad

**Civic Leader Partners ($5,000)**
- Agnese Nelms Haury Program
- Arizona Community Foundation
- Bank of America
- Jennings, Strouss & Salmon
- Perkins Coie
- Snell & Wilmer LLP
- Wells Fargo

**Contributor Partners ($2,500)**
- Arizona Fire District Association
- Arizona Lottery
- Yavapai College

**Supporter Partners ($1,000)**
- Arizona Cotton Growers Association
- Care 1st Health Plan of Arizona
- Cochise College
- Maricopa Community Colleges
- PICOR Commercial Real Estate
- Pima Association of Governments
- Town of Marana
- Town of Oro Valley

**Associate Partners ($500)**
- Arizona Western College
- Coconino County
- Cottonwood Economic Development Council
- Mohave Community Colleges
- Phoenix College
- Pima Community College
- United Health Foundation
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