



Democracy and Citizen Engagement

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

Elks Lodge, 711 Jenifer Street, Madison, Free Parking

Democracy

- 9:00 a.m. to Noon
- Simon Duffy, Citizen Network and Centre for Welfare Reform, Sheffield, UK
- Matt Rothschild, Wisconsin Democracy Campaign

Citizen Engagement

- 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Simon Duffy, Citizen Network and Centre for Welfare Reform, Sheffield, UK
- Tom Kohler, Emergent Savannah, Savannah, GA

Join an emerging local collaboration of activists and ordinary citizens who believe that Madison is capable of evolving into a more intentional community, where we can shine a light on the power citizens have to shape the future, while continuing to honor the past. As one step toward reviving, fostering, and strengthening democracy in our local communities, we'll host a two-part presentation by leading thinkers and doers with local, national and international reputations for success in uniting diverse communities around the principles and strategies of citizen engagement, inclusion, democracy, and community.

Simon Duffy is the founder of Citizen Network, a global initiative advancing citizenship for people who face oppression, stigma and exclusion. He leads the Centre for Welfare Reform, a social enterprise he describes as "a citizen think tank working to create a world where everyone matters." It is a scholarly and active community of 98 independent Fellows: thinkers, innovators and leaders from around the world who demonstrate a practical and real commitment to equality and diversity. The Centre is based in Sheffield, England. <http://www.centreforwelfarereform.org>

Tom Kohler has lived in Savannah, Georgia for 62 of his 64 years. He has invited thousands and connected hundreds of local people in citizen advocacy relationships via Chatham Savannah Citizen Advocacy, Inc. Over the years, he has been involved in organizing a variety of citizen-based groups. Tom currently guides a local group committed to democracy and citizen engagement, Emergent Savannah, to shape its strategy and connect Emergent Savannah with people from across a broad cross section of Savannah. <http://emergentsavannah.org> and <http://www.savannahcitizenadvocacy.org>

Matt Rothschild is the executive director of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, a homegrown network of citizens working for fair elections, judicial integrity, media democracy, and open and transparent government. The Democracy Campaign pursues these objectives through research, citizen education, community outreach, coalition building and direct advocacy. Prior to joining the Democracy Campaign at the start of 2015, Matt worked at *The Progressive* magazine for 32 years. <http://www.wisdc.org>

To reserve a seat for one or both sessions and for info on accommodations for this lecture and discussion send an email to DanePathfinders@gmail.com. Please let us know by June 12 if you plan to attend. There is *no fee*, but free-will contributions will be accepted at the door. Lunch on your own.