

## 2026 Collective Impact Action Summit (Virtual)

### Call for Session Proposals

Thank you for your interest in submitting a session proposal for the [2026 Collective Impact Action Summit](#), to be held virtually April 14-16, 2026.

Below is a copy of the survey submission questions, in case you want to prepare your responses in advance before copying / pasting into this [online submission form](#). Here is also a [Submitting a Session Resource Guide](#) that shares recommendations on what we are looking for in a submission.

All session proposals [must be submitted](#) by **11:59pm ET on Friday, October 17, 2025**.

**We are unable to accept late submissions**, so please submit your session information by the deadline.

#### Demographic Information for Session Organizer:

Please note that the Session Organizer will be the point of contact for all notifications, session details, and planning for the 2026 Virtual Action Summit. **DO NOT SKIP THIS PAGE**. If there is no contact information listed, we cannot follow-up with you about your session submission and your session will be disqualified from review.

- ☐ Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Title: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ City / State / Country: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### What session format are you proposing? (required; select one)

*Please note that sessions will take place at various points in the agenda from Tuesday afternoon U.S. Eastern Time (April 14) through Thursday afternoon U.S. Eastern Time (April 16).*

**60-minute how-to session:** These concurrent sessions will focus on how-to “nuts and bolts” advice for collective impact leaders (e.g., how to build trust and capacity around sharing data, how to build and support accountability across partners; how to shift mental models around a key issue ); maximum of 4 presenters, including moderator.

**60-minutes Tools and Techniques session:** These concurrent sessions should provide attendees a chance to practice using a specific tool or technique (e.g., actor mapping, data

visualization, eco-cycle, liberating structures techniques, accessible community meeting facilitation practices) that they can adapt for use in their own collective impact initiatives. All tools highlighted at the Action Summit must be available for free, rather than proprietary tools only for purchase or subscription; maximum of 2 presenters, including moderator.

**30-Minute “Stories of Change” Spotlight Talks sessions:** These concurrent sessions should focus on telling a specific story of change or spotlighting a specific concept that has seen progress in your work. (e.g. How a collaborative added a significant number of housing units to a region; how a collective increased voter turn-out to support the central goal of the work; how an initiative garnered multiple funding streams to support long-term change efforts.) The story or talk should demonstrate progress made on the issue. The format will be 20 minutes for the story/presentation and 10 minutes for audience Q&A; maximum of 2 presenters.

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**What results have been achieved in the collective impact initiative featured in your session (if applicable)?** This could be evidence of systems changes (i.e., shifts in behavior, funding flows, policy change, power dynamics, mental models) or population-level impact (i.e., improvements in outcomes for your target population). If your session will showcase a lesson learned from a misstep, which we also welcome, please explain how you course-corrected.

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**If your session is presenting work that is part of a collective impact effort or other kind of collaborative initiative, how long has this initiative been active? (E.g. 12 months, 2 years, 5 years, More than 10 years, etc.)**

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**Which of these six practice areas most closely aligns with your proposed session?  
(required; select one)**

***While we recognize that these practice areas are interconnected, session submissions should choose one of the six topics below to highlight and go deeper on in your session, in order to make the lessons and application specific during a limited session presentation.***

- Community Engagement
- Data and Learning
- Fundraising and Sustaining Momentum
- Narrative Change
- Policy & Advocacy
- Technology and AI to Support Collaboration

**Briefly describe how your session aligns with the practice area you chose: (required; limit 150 words).**

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**We believe that the value of equity and advancing equitable outcomes is part of each of these practice area. Please share how advancing equity is centered or demonstrated in**

**the work that you will uplift during the session. *(required; limit 150 words)*.**

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**Session Title *(required)***

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**Provide a draft session description *(required; limit 150 words)*:** Include the question(s) the session is meant to address, and describe the key insights or tools this session will offer. If your session is selected, this will be used for conference marketing purposes. Please use clear, easy-to-understand language about what you are hoping to convey and what audience members will be taking away from your session.

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**Learning Question:** *(required; limit 100 words):* Please distill your session's key learning that you want to share with the audience into a learning question. For example: How do you repair trust within the community when trust has been lost? How do you effectively onboard new partners into a long-running initiative? How do you effectively share data between public sector and private sector partners? How do you implement accessible meeting practices so more community members can participate? How can data be infused into storytelling? How do you advance a policy agenda? How do you use a tool like actor mapping and why is it helpful?

The learning question serves as a summary of what attendees will learn from your session. If your session is selected, your learning question will be displayed to help participants determine their sessions of choice.

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**What is the primary issue area that would be the focus of your session?** *(required; select one)*

- ☐ Arts & Culture
- ☐ Community Development
- ☐ Economic Mobility/Employment/Workforce Development
- ☐ Education and Youth / Cradle to Career / Opportunity Youth / Early Childhood
- ☐ Environment / Climate
- ☐ Health, Public Health, Mental and/of Behavior Health
- ☐ No primary issue area
- ☐ Other *(Please Specify)* \_\_\_\_\_

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**If your session includes a case study or example from a specific initiative, what is the initiative's geographic region?**

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**Do any of your session's presenters require some form of interpretation or language translation services to participate in the Action Summit?**

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**Share your initial vision for your session's outline/design and structure/activities, including how the session will allow for participant engagement and learning. We plan to use Zoom as our video conferencing platform. Please design your session for the main Zoom room only; no small breakout discussion rooms will be used. Audience size is estimated between 25-100 people. Please note if there are additional technologies/platforms you intend to use for engagement. *(required; limit 300 words)***

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**List your proposed session speaker(s).** As a reminder, you can have up to four speakers (including moderator) for 60-minute how-to sessions, and up to two speakers for 60-minute tool sessions and 30-minute "Stories of Change" spotlight talks. Please include speakers' names, titles, emails, organizations, and a brief overview of the perspectives they would bring to the session. Speakers do not need to be finalized before submitting this proposal, but we do encourage filling out the speaker section as much as possible with who you plan to join the session. Reviewers prefer to see a complete view of your session, including speakers, rather than entries that say "TBD." You will be notified by December 2025 if your session is selected, and you will have until the end of January 2026 to finalize your speakers.

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**Speaker #1** *(required)*

- ☐ **Name** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Title/Role** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Organization** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **How will this speaker contribute to the session?**  
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**Speaker #2** *(if applicable)*

- ☐ **Name** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Title/Role** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Organization** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **How will this speaker contribute to this session?**  
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**Speaker #3** *(Applicable only for 60-minute How-To Session option)*

- ☐ **Name** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Title/Role** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Organization** \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **How will this speaker contribute to this session?**  
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**Speaker #4** *(Applicable only for the 60-minute How-To Session Option)*

- ☐ **Name** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Title/Role** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Organization** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **How will this speaker contribute to this session?**  
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**Are you planning to include one or more community members as session speaker(s)?**

For this purpose, we define "community members" as those who will be impacted by the collective impact initiative, and are participating in that capacity rather than as the employee of an organization that is part of the collective impact initiative.

☐ **Yes**

☐ **No**

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**If you chose "yes," please identify which speakers are community members.**

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To submit your session proposal, please visit our [online submission form](#). All submissions must be received by Friday, October 17, 2025.

If you have any questions or experience technical difficulties when submitting your responses online, please Tracy Timmons-Gray at [tracy.timmons-gray@collectiveimpactforum.org](mailto:tracy.timmons-gray@collectiveimpactforum.org).