COVID-19 AND DIGITAL SOCIETY WEBINAR SERIES

BROADBAND ACCESS IN THE US

NETGAIN PARTNERSHIP

Event

Webinar 1
Wednesday, May 6, 2020
12 noon – 1 PM ET
Broadband Access in the US
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Speakers

Brian Howard, American Indian Policy Institute
Francella Ochillo, Next Century Cities
Angela Siefer, NDIA
Olivia Wein, NCLC

Participation

138   Number of RSVPs
84   Number of participants
61%   Attendance rate

Attendee roles

30%   Funders
70%   Field or other

Funders present

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Open Society Foundations
Robert W Deutsch Foundation
Rockefeller Brothers
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Strategic Victory Fund
Wallace Global Fund

What three (3) digital equity issues do you think are most critical at this point.

22	**Broadband access**
19	Universal access
18	Broadband affordability
11	Access to secure and reliable digital US Census and voting procedures
7	Fixing or solving the homework gap
6	Increasing tele-health security and capacity
3	Increasing competition among broadband providers

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86	Responses

COVID-19 has made it clear that the internet is essential. What issues would most inspire your community to join a national campaign for digital equity? Pick up to 3.

37	**Broadband affordability**
34	**Digital access to education**
25	Installation of world-class, high-speed networks, for everyone
24	Digital access to work/employment
18	Community-owned networks
12	Secure and resilient telehealth networks

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150	Responses

Who should join us in our fight for Digital Equity?

Business

Banking

building trades (home builders)

Economic development

Hackers

ISPs

Technologists
STEM/STEAM folks

college educators
Teachers
universities
Educators who train the next decision makers
students directly impacted by digital inequity
Educators who are training the next generation

immigrant and refugee populations
Cultural Organizers
Community Action Agencies
Community based nonprofit human service providers
Healthcare
Housing advocates
disability rights communities
AMA (health equity issues)

League of Women Voters
Rotary clubs
government agencies
Political organizers - those who are having to transition civic engagement to an online space and
therefore being left out
Orgs interested in transparency and good government
Environmental groups (telework = less commuting

Creative communities
Artists
Musicians
Creative arts alliances