CityClub’s History

In 1980, eight women formed Seattle CityClub to provide nonpartisan forums for civic ideas and debate. In contrast to many civic groups of the time that were for men only, CityClub’s founders determined their new organization would be open to everyone.

Since its first program in 1981, CityClub has sponsored thousands of dialogues, discussions, and candidate forums featuring local, regional and national experts, and leaders. Today, Seattle CityClub is recognized as a thought leader in the region’s civic and public affairs, with programs affecting statewide news, social networks, civic action and policymaking.

About Us

Seattle City Club is a nonpartisan, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to improving the civic health of the Puget Sound region by providing programs that bridge politics, sectors, and generations.

Our Mission

Our mission is to inform, connect, and engage the public to strengthen the civic health of our region. It’s our vision that, along with natural wonder, innovative business, and vibrant culture, the Puget Sound region is defined by informed people engaged with their leaders in effective democracy.

What We Stand For

Passionate Non-Partisanship  |  Civic dialogue that reflects our community’s diverse political ideologies, cultures and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Leader Access and Accountability  |  Active exchange of ideas that foster accountability and engagement between residents, experts and policymakers.

Respectful Conversation  |  Lively and respectful forums that cultivate open and civil debate.

Connection and Collaboration  |  Partnerships that bring together people and ideas to address critical issues.

Our Impact

Each year, CityClub programs serve over 4,000 Puget Sound residents in-person, over 1 million viewers via TV/online, and another 26,000 through social media and website content.
Programs and Events

Seattle CityClub connects audiences to elections, public policy, current events, and local issues with more than 30 forums, debates, and civic leadership programs each year.

SEATTLE CITYCLUB PROGRAM OVERVIEW

LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW | Seattle’s Legislative Institution | JAN

Seattle CityClub’s Legislative Preview luncheon, a signature Seattle event for decades, features top leadership from both sides of the Washington State Legislature’s aisle. Moderated by leading local journalists, the event looks in-depth at top priorities for the upcoming session and the impact it will have on the community.

CIVIC COCKTAIL | Monthly Conversations & Libations | FEB, MAR, APR, MAY, JUN, OCT, NOV

Civic Cocktail connects community leaders and residents for a lively look at important issues facing our region. Featuring elected officials and voters, politicians and pundits, newsmakers and journalists, and everything in-between, Civic Cocktail’s informal atmosphere and conversational tone are friendly, fun, and fascinating. Our 2023 home for Civic Cocktail will be The Collective Seattle.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER | TBD | TBD 2023

CityClub’s biggest event of the year funds our informative programs and fuels our mission to engage residents and bridge our community’s politics, professions, generations, cultures, and socioeconomic backgrounds.
**CIVIC BOOT CAMP | Immersive Training & In-Depth Topics | APR, MAY, JUN, SEP, OCT, NOV**

Civic Boot Camp is a full-day program giving participants the tools they need to take action in their community. Participants can connect with local leaders, network across sectors, and gain a deeper understanding of the history, opportunities, partnerships, and policies shaping the Puget Sound region.

**WA STATE DEBATE COALITION | Engaging & Empowering Seattle Voters | SEP, OCT**

Seattle CityClub founded the Washington State Debate Coalition in 2016 to enhance voter access to those seeking our state’s highest offices. The Coalition is comprised of civic leaders, nonpartisan community groups, colleges, and media partners committed to setting a higher standard for public debate.

**YEAR IN REVIEW | A Lively Look-Back | DEC**

Reflect on the waning year’s biggest headlines and most pressing issues at Seattle CityClub’s annual Year in Review. Moderated by a leading local journalist, Year in Review’s diverse panel of community leaders and luminaries covers Washington’s year in with provocative and wide-ranging discussion on topics like race and equity, economic opportunity, global affairs, education, state legislative priorities, and much more.
Board Meetings

Where: The Collective Seattle
400 Dexter Ave N #120,
Seattle, WA 98109

When: Fourth Wednesday every other month
Begins: Wednesday, February 22, 2023
Time: 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.


Cabinet Meetings (Officers + Strategic Advisors)

Where: Zoom

When: Fourth Wednesday every other Month
Begins: Wednesday, January 25, 2023
Time: 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.


Committee Meetings

Where: Zoom

Which: Finance Committee
Finance/Fund Development Committee
Governance Committee Program
Committee
Strategy Committee
Special Events Committee
Outreach Committee

When: Third Monday each month, 4-5 p.m.
Third Monday each month, 12-1 p.m.
Second Wednesday each month, 9:30-11 a.m.
First Tuesday each month, 12-1p.m.
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