



NGCP Collaborative Leads Community Meeting Chat Transcript, June 1, 2018

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Erin Hogeboom: Hello and thank you for joining us today for the NGCP Collaborative Leads meeting! Please introduce yourself and your Collaborative here and share a significant event or activity that has happened for you or your organization within the last 6 months.

Susan: West Virginia Girls Collaborative. We have been excited to build new partnerships through Leap into Science and are preparing to implement our first trainings.

Carol Tang: Hello this is carol, from California along with Linda!

Linda Kekelis: This is Linda with CalGirls. I had the opportunity to present on a panel about family engagement at Infosys CrossRoads conference with Carol Tang, John Pearce and Erin Hogeboom

Tricia Berry - TxGCP: Tricia here from Texas. on my phone so will be listening but hard to share or type.

Susan: We are still scheduling different activities. Green Bank Institute has held an event at Green Bank Observatory. We are planning scheduling other trainings in central and southern WV.

Karen Peterson: Welcome everyone!

Carol Tang: We are also scheduling like Susan is. I can share a couple of our upcoming plans.

Carol Tang: ;-) I'm wearing the same exact shirt right now LOL

Karen Peterson: Ha!

Karen Peterson: It's a good look for you Carol! ~

Erin Hogeboom: Please type any questions you have for Jolene here!

Carol Tang: Cool--California!

Linda Kekelis: How do we intentionally make sure that all families have access to The Connectory? Are there some promising practices that we can promote for ensuring equity and access with this resource?

Karen Peterson: Linda, maybe you can help us with that?

Linda Kekelis: Yes! There are many great online resources that many families don't know about.

Erin Hogeboom: Yeah, Carol! It's exciting to see that number--I bet we can get it even higher!

Carol Tang: I've been made aware of a few existing county-based directories so perhaps there is some way to make some connections there

Carol Tang: yes. I just got an intro to someone yesterday!

Jolene Gustafson: Great, Carol. Let us know if there's anything we can do or provide to help.

Carol Tang: I think people think I'm still in charge of The Connectory although it's been 6 years already!

Carol Tang: And you all have made so MANY MANY improvements! It's way beyond how it started. Congrats.

Jolene Gustafson: That's funny! But glad you are around to help make the transition now!

Karen Peterson: Thanks for the nice words Carol!

Jolene Gustafson: I'll second that thanks!

Karen Peterson: Carol, I know you miss those days. :)

Carol Tang: LOL

Carol Tang: I miss YOU Karen!

Karen Peterson: :)

Erin Hogeboom: The Connectory widget: <https://theconnectory.org/widgets>

Jolene Gustafson: info@theconnectory.org

Karen Peterson: Olivia has been connected with NGCP since she was in high school!

Karen Peterson: Yes - I remember that! :)

Erin Hogeboom: YES! Thank you for your nominations!

Erin Hogeboom: (If any of you ever want to join a YoGA Board meeting, please let me know!)

Erin Hogeboom: If you have any questions for Olivia, feel free to type them here!

Carol Tang: exciting!

Carol Tang: What's the age range?

Tricia Berry - Take 2 from Texas: Are there report outs to their "local" collaborative to help them connect in locally?

Linda Kekelis: Olivia--thanks so much for sharing. This idea especially about girls providing input into user experience for programs for girls is one to share with other orgs/initiatives

Tricia Berry - Take 2 from Texas: Do they have term limits? How long will a girl stay on the board before it's time for new people to join in?

Karen Peterson: I loved that photo!

Erin Hogeboom: Tricia, that idea is 'part' of Helen's idea--engaging girls mostly

Carol Tang: if they would like some college application tips, that kind of thing, I'm sure us adults would be happy to hop on as well

Erin Hogeboom: Right now, we are trying to build critical mass, so we are open to as many girls.

Erin Hogeboom: Haha, #WhatOliviaSaid

Erin Hogeboom: Oh, that's a great idea, Carol!

Erin Hogeboom: Another one of the 'initiatives' is to connect them with mentors/role models

Tricia Berry - Take 2 from Texas: Are you connecting in with SWE Next at all?

Erin Hogeboom: We haven't! But we should be!

Erin Hogeboom: Thanks for the ideas!!

Carol Tang: tips on how to construct an email to connect with mentors...I think it's different than writing texts!

Erin Hogeboom: Absolutely, Carol!

Tricia Berry - Take 2 from Texas: Yes! Seems duplicative in nature a bit since it seems to be moving into the realm of girl-serving efforts.

Carol Tang: they can teach me how to text without full sentences

Erin Hogeboom: Like Olivia said, our first goal is to really build a sense of community, but I love this idea of giving them development like that!

Olivia Pavco: Here is my email: olivia.pavcogiaccia@gmail.com

Olivia Pavco: Thank you, Erin!

Olivia Pavco: Thank you, Karen! 10 years :)

Erin Hogeboom: Thank YOU, Olivia! You. Are. Fantastic!!!

FabFems Discussion Board

What are some ways we can identify additional FabFems for the database from your state?

Tricia Berry - Take 2 from Texas: Reach out to all who are also signed up as Million Women Mentors.

Susan: Connect with WV based women in STEM professional organizations. We have been working to do this but is still a work in process. Connect with universities.

Tricia Berry - Take 2 from Texas: STEMconnector CEO changed but Edie still involved. New CEO sounds like has some bigger picture strategy thinking that may help with collaborations.... maybe

Susan: That's wonderful!!!

Tricia Berry - Take 2 from Texas: or magically state leads can pull lists...so engaging MWM state leads directly might work

Carol Tang: we could maybe table at the meet-ups that happen all over San Francisco.

Lisa Kovalchick, PA: I always talk about FabFems in all the Girls in STEM presentations that I do, and I pass out FabFems info. Maybe we can remind others to do this, as well.

Tricia Berry - Take 2 from Texas: that's what we do in Texas...way easier to circumvent national and deal local - state leads have access to all the data

Casi Herrera: Great idea, Lisa. And if you think you need resources for this, let me know. We have outreach materials to share.

Carol Tang: Maybe interesting to link with WeWork and Hub, other communal workspaces. I've seen that a lot of women in tech are independent contractors and may not be in typical corporate settings.

What feedback have you heard from FabFems or role models in general about what makes their experience meaningful?

Tricia Berry - Take 2 from Texas: Being able to connect directly with students.

Casi Herrera: Absolutely!

Tricia Berry - Take 2 from Texas: need some sort of regular communication to them to even let them know they are still in the database...even if they haven't been contacting remind them their profile is important. maybe report out number of searches and things like that to make them feel like their engagement and profile is important to have in there

Casi Herrera: I am also curious about what other sources role models might use to connect with youth and programs.

Tricia Berry - Take 2 from Texas: Casi: Nepris (and in Texas...Texas STEM Connections) ...how we're connecting role models to programs and volunteer needs

Tricia Berry - Take 2 from Texas: Oregon, North Carolina (parts), Louisiana, and Texas all are using Nepris

Linda Kekelis: We could use social media to promote role models that want to be contacted but haven't been getting much traction

What needs are you hearing about from programs for role models?

Linda Kekelis: For groups working in rural communities, I hear about the need for role models--especially for role models from their communities--so that STEM careers aren't perceived as taking girls away from home and their communities

Erin Hogeboom: San Diego Unified School District REALLY wants to be able to use FabFems/STEM Role Models as their go-to place for professionals to visit classrooms.

Lisa Kovalchick, PA: I agree with Linda. Many of the programs that we work with are from rural areas and there are not FabFems located nearby to participate in role model activities.

What organizations (professional/technical, etc.) can we contact to help build the FabFems database.

Tricia Berry - Take 2 from Texas: All engineering discipline societies -- many have women -focused committees or sub-organizations

Erin Hogeboom: Putting this here so you all are aware, I just had a call with the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP) about FabFems!

Carol Tang: game developers? I've seen a lot of interesting women and girl-focused gaming efforts at the Game Developers' Conference.

Casi Herrera: Very interesting, Carol. That's a great connection.

Susan: Last year had an opportunity to present at the National Women Engineers conference. There were over 50,000 people there, it was crazy! You could sponsor, have a booth, etc.

Susan: The conference had lots of professionals, lots of recent grads looking for jobs, also every employer you could imagine hiring Nike, Amazon, FBI, Nabisco, etc.

Lisa Kovalchick, PA: Have you contacted NCWIT?

Carol Tang: Maybe linking to some of the badging and micro certification things happening in afterschool. Many people could use some mentoring and coaching.

Casi Herrera: That is a great suggestion, Susan.

Kathy Thomas: <http://ngcproject.org/brochure>

Lisa Kovalchick, PA: Most people that I work with prefer hard copies.

Tricia Berry - Take 2 from Texas: I just had my students make 50-ish folders to hand out to corporate partners and others and having the hard copies are helpful. I use electronic when I'm emailing someone...hard copy when I'm in person.

Lisa Kovalchick, PA: I agree with Tricia.

Susan: electronic and hardcopy would be good for us. Yes, we could use hardcopy.

Carol Tang: I think hard copies are still helpful. I just had a thought that maybe we could also laminate some for tabling.

Tricia Berry - Take 2 from Texas: Like Carol's idea. If we had this in high-res format we could make in slightly bigger poster size also.

Casi Herrera: collabsupport@ngcproject.org

Carol Tang: ooh poster idea from Tricia is fantastic.

Erin Hogeboom: <https://www.trelliscience.com/>

Tricia Berry - Take 2 from Texas: I have a TxGCP group on Trellis...never got it going (or maybe I should say not yet) ...but great idea

Tricia Berry - Take 2 from Texas: I'm in there...but I need to spend more time in it to figure it out. Since more groups are in there, I would likely access it more than SharePoint

Karen Peterson: Good feedback Tricia - thanks.

Carol Tang: I am on the slate for the Association of Children's Museum Board. I'd love to put together a session there. It will be in Denver in 2019.

Carol Tang: Our challenge: Heather who was leading is out on maternity leave! Success is that she had a beautiful baby girl.

Susan: As a new group still working to develop our champions board and get projects going. WV has been very active with CryptoClub and have held many trainings in the last year.

Tricia Berry - Take 2 from Texas: Success: got my first sponsor for our 2nd Texas Women & Girls in STEM Summit (Dec. 7th) - Cirrus Logic...repeat sponsor! :)

Lisa Kovalchick, PA: The PA STEM Girls Collaborative was invited to the PA Governor's Residence to discuss the state of STEM in PA with the First Lady. It was a wonderful conversation and it was great to know that the work we are doing is being recognized by the Governor's Office.

Tricia Berry - Take 2 from Texas: YES!! Come to Texas!! Challenge: TIME...I need more time in my day

Carol Tang: CalGirlS will be hosting another meet-up at the CDE STEAM Symposium in Long Beach this Fall.

Karen Peterson: Trivia question - where was this photo taken?

Tricia Berry - Take 2 from Texas: Oh, that's awesome, Lisa!!

Tricia Berry - Take 2 from Texas: Waterbotics - Katelyn Wamsted - Girlstart

Tricia Berry - Take 2 from Texas: That was for Karen...about the picture

Karen Peterson: You win the prize!

Karen Peterson: Thanks to everyone for sharing!

Tricia Berry - Take 2 from Texas: I don't think it was Texas

Karen Peterson: Such great news!

Tricia Berry - Take 2 from Texas: Come join us! :) Thanks all!

Lisa Kovalchick, PA: Thanks, everyone!

Karen Peterson: Enjoy your weekend!

Carol Tang: hugs to you all!

Susan: Thank you!

Tricia Berry - Take 2 from Texas: Thanks team!!

Tricia Berry - Take 2 from Texas: I found my voice...Wi-Fi alongside a building. :)