

The foundation defines community engagement as catalyzing the voice and energy of the community to identify and address needs. Community can be defined in numerous ways, including by geography, population, age group and more. Professionals seeking to work with community on any issue or initiative must first build relationships, establish trust and be willing cede control to those closest to the issue and community.

The following resources offer frameworks, tips and examples of ways to think about community engagement and organizing work. This is not an exhaustive list, as there are many resources on this topic.

1. ***Best Practices for Meaningful Community Engagement***- Groundwork USA  
[GWUSA Best-Practices-for-Meaningful-Community-Engagement-Tip-Sheet.pdf \(groundworkusa.org\)](https://groundworkusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/GWUSA_Best-Practices-for-Meaningful-Community-Engagement-Tip-Sheet.pdf)
2. ***Beyond Inclusion: Equity in Public Engagement***-Morris J. Wosk Center for Dialogue  
[Beyond Inclusion - Equity in Public Engagement.pdf \(sfu.ca\)](https://www.sfu.ca/~mjoskow/Beyond%20Inclusion%20-%20Equity%20in%20Public%20Engagement.pdf)
3. ***It's All About the Base: A Guide to Building a Grassroots Organizing Program*** -Community Catalyst: [ItsAllAboutTheBase-Report-FINAL.pdf \(communitycatalyst.org\)](https://www.communitycatalyst.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/ItsAllAboutTheBase-Report-FINAL.pdf)
4. ***Engaging Stakeholders in Developing Strategies: A Field Guide*** – Community Wealth Partners  
[Stakeholder-Engagement-Field-Guide.pdf \(communitywealth.com\)](https://www.communitywealth.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Stakeholder-Engagement-Field-Guide.pdf)