

# **WILL Public Media Taking Effective Civic Action**

***What we are trying to accomplish?***

- ***Strengthen the civic health of the communities we serve***
- ***Deepen our impact in those communities***

***Public Capital Factors we are working on***

- ***Catalytic organization***
- ***Conscious community discussions***
- ***Organized spaces for interactions***

***Our assets and capacity***

- ***Multi-platform distribution of content***
- ***Storytelling, convening, facilitating and fundraising skills***
- ***Trust, credibility, good will***
- ***Boundary-spanning***
- ***Technology-rich and savvy***
- ***University resources***
- ***Partnerships***
- ***Local, regional and national relationships***

***What space are we trying to occupy?***

- ***Catalyst***
- ***Storyteller***
- ***Facilitator***
- ***Convener***
- ***Moderator***
- ***Inspirer***
- ***Engager***
- ***Informant***
- ***Listener***

***How are we doing?***

***If we are working with a specific community around a specific need, where is this community in its stages of community life (see community rhythms guide sheets)?***

# The 3 A's

## AUTHORITY

- Our knowledge is rooted in understanding people's lives, aspirations and concerns.

- We use this knowledge to inform our decisions; how we design and implement programs; how we conduct ourselves.

- We act as part of the community as opposed to acting apart from it.

## AUTHENTICITY

- Our words and actions reflect the reality of people's lives in the community.

- We genuinely listen to the community in an on-going way.

- The community genuinely believes that we have their best interests at heart.

## ACCOUNTABILITY

- We set realistic expectations for change and measure our progress.

- We are open to learning along the journey of change.

- We pursue actions that really mean something to people.

- We are accountable for what we are learning.

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