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I have trouble falling asleep after a good Community Conversation, recounting in my head all those moments I felt audience members listening closely, and those connections continuing when they stay after the event, sharing their observations and gratitude. The most recent event was a discussion I moderated at Connecticut Public with the Witness Stones Old Lyme Poets. About two-thirds of our audience raised their hands when I asked them if this was their first time at our Hartford headquarters. I’m working on welcoming more of you here in my new engagement role. My focus also includes hosting events in your community. In March 2023, we began ramping up community engagement events. Our first elevated the work of our investigative journalists, The Accountability Project, with a screening and discussion about their documentary, CUTLINE: Transforming Corrections at Bridgeport’s historic Bijou Theatre. We had engaging conversations at The Westport Library and Greenwich Library, in April and June, as part of our Civility Initiative focused on learning how to bridge political divides. Every gathering was unique, and all the conversations were thought-provoking. I expect more of the same in the events leading up to the 2024 Elections.

Stay tuned this fall for events introducing you to the journalists you trust at Connecticut Public. Watch and register for Meet & Greet sessions, opportunities to attend tapings of our talk shows and other events that will connect you to additional members of our Content team.

Journalism and our efforts to broaden community engagement wouldn’t be possible without your support. Thank you!

Lucy Nalpathanchil
Vice President, Community Engagement
Launched in 2022, the **Connecticut Public Civility Initiative** brings special programming – debates, dialogues and open events – to Connecticut communities to explore the hard issues and promote meaningful conversation around topics critical to people living in our state.

It is part of our commitment to building stronger communities through fact-based journalism and storytelling that welcomes diverse voices and opinions in a public discussion forum.

Connecticut Public believes we are stronger when we talk WITH each other, not past each other. Look for event announcements this fall as we invite you to join us in advancing civil dialogue across Connecticut.

Connecticut Public in conversation with communities at **An Evening with the Witness Stones Old Lyme Poets** in Hartford, **CUTLINE: Transforming Corrections** in Bridgeport and **a Latino Listening Session** in Stamford.
Connecticut Public has conducted 8 listening sessions in 2023 with Latino communities and organizations in New Haven, Hartford, Bridgeport and Stamford.

An exciting initiative is Connecticut Public’s comprehensive Latino/Puerto Rican Initiative. Connecticut Public is committing itself and its resources to elevating and connecting Latino communities. We’re holding grassroots listening events and prioritizing Latino communities reporting while building partnerships with Latino groups and media organizations like Identidad Latina, La Voz, GFR Media in Puerto Rico, Factchequeado and others. Check out the Latino section of the Connecticut Public website and Noticias where at least five impactful stories of interest to Latinos in Connecticut are posted in Spanish each week.

Learn more about upcoming Community Engagement events and enjoy recordings of recent ones at ctpublic.org/live-events.

IN profile

FAIRFIELD COUNTY MEET YOUR LOCAL NEWS TEAM

Meg, Abigail, Eddy, Frankie, Erica, Joe, Lesley, Kevin

Introducing the new and expanded Fairfield County News Team! Connecticut Public is growing our reach and coverage in Fairfield County. Over the next few months we’ll introduce you to members of that team, starting with profiles of 2 of its members:

**Eddy Martinez** is the General Assignments Reporter for Fairfield County. Previously, Eddy was a reporter for Hearst Media Group covering the Bridgeport area, and a News Assistant for the Asahi Shimbun Japanese newspaper in New York monitoring breaking news across the United States for Japanese correspondents. Eddy holds an MS in Journalism from the Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism at CUNY.

**Erica McIntosh** is the Senior Regional Editor for Fairfield County. She has extensive experience in television news production for various local TV stations across the East Coast (DC, NY and CT) for 17 years and was most recently the Morning Executive Producer for Good Morning Connecticut at WTNH-TV News 8. Erica holds a MS in Journalism degree from Quinnipiac University.

We are delighted outstanding journalists like and Erica and Eddy are helping Connecticut Public expand our coverage in Fairfield County.
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