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# CIVIC SUMMIT

## COMMUNITY OVER EVERYTHING

### **Eric Leslie**

*Founder and Lead Organizer of Union Capital*

Eric Leslie is the founder and lead organizer of Union Capital ([unioncapital.org](http://unioncapital.org)). Originally from Cambridge, MA, Eric began his career as a community organizer in Baltimore and New York City. Eric later joined Teach For America and taught in North Philadelphia, serving as principal of KIPP Philadelphia Charter School from 2008-2012. Eric returned home to attend the Mid-Career MPA program at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government in 2013 and founded Union Capital the following year. Founded in 2014 through persistent organizing and outreach that will be taught in this workshop, Union Capital's mission is to transform social capital into opportunity by rewarding community engagement. UC's innovative approach combines technology and relationship building to strengthen neighborhood networks, build social capital, and create new pathways of opportunity for individuals and community. He lives back in Cambridge again with his wife and 12- and 8-year-old daughters.

### **Empowering Change: How to Fund Your Inspiration**

3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

Join Eric Leslie, the Founder and Lead Organizer of Union Capital, for the 'Empowering Change: How to Fund Your Inspiration' learning session. This comprehensive guide to funding for nonprofits and civic initiatives will equip you with the knowledge to turn an idea into action and fund an organization, coalition, or campaign. Gain practical insights from someone who has successfully navigated this path and understands the key components of effective funding strategies.