



Kids Voting Minnesota will have an information booth at “The Connection” (see below) on Thursday and Friday, July 16 & 17. In addition, at 1 pm on Friday, Executive Director Lars Sandstrom will be conducting a break out session on Kids Voting in the Marquette V room at the Minneapolis Hilton where the conference is being held. For more information contact him at 218-310-3179

What: The **National Civic Summit** is designed to facilitate conversation on civic competence in a time of technology. Thought leaders from around the country will address issues of access, collaboration, discourse, engagement, ethical practices, measurement and transparency. Presenters are modeling the use of technology for civic engagement via a **National Tweetup**, a civic poll and a new civic portal.

Who: The National Civic Summit is for all non-partisan, civic-minded organizations and individuals. *Convened by:* Nate Garvis, Senior Public Affairs Officer, Target Corporation; Mark Ritchie, Minnesota Secretary of State and host of the National Association of Secretaries of State conference July 16-19 in Minneapolis; and Sean Kershaw, Executive Director, Citizens League.

Why: In the past, our civic heritage helped us navigate perilous times. But when it comes to civic competence today, how do we measure up to our forefathers and mothers? Do we share their civic imagination and skills? How can we unleash American innovation to solve today’s challenges in ways that serve the public interest? How can technology be used to reduce isolation and information overload and improve participation, collaboration and results?

- **National Tweetup** - July 15, 6-9 p.m. Start the civic conversation via polls and questions. *Live:* Mill City Museum, Minneapolis. *Virtual:* Twitter Followers @civicsummit09 & @targettwitizen.
- **The Connection** – July 16 and 17, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Free and open to the public.** More than 100 organizations will offer a spectacular showcase of workshops and exhibits to help non-partisan civic-minded organizations grow access and impact. Leaders from around the country will offer insights on compelling topics, best-in-class tools and approaches.

Free Registration: [Register for The Connection](#)

Live: Minneapolis, MN [Directions to the Minneapolis Hilton](#)

Virtual: Content available during & post events at the [National Civic Summit](#) website.

Agenda: [Event Agenda and Updates](#).

- **Social Media Training** – The National Civic Summit is offering ongoing free training on the basics of using social media tools. Visit the [Civic Training site](#) for an introduction to Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and Flickr and sign up for future complimentary training and event updates.

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The [Citizens League](#) builds civic imagination and capacity in Minnesota by identifying, framing and proposing [solutions](#) to public policy problems; developing civic leaders to govern for the common good; and organizing individual and institutional relationships necessary to achieve these goals. www.citizensleague.org.

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