

**Who:** Community leaders, beginning with board members from the Progress Points partner organizations, CRCOG Foundation board members and key stakeholders

**What:** Commit your support as a community leader to create vision for change for the following areas:

- The Next Generation: Attracting and Retaining Millennials
- Mobility: Connecting People to Opportunity in the Region
- Job Growth: Aligning Talent Development, and Economic Development – with a focus on Advanced Manufacturing, Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Education: Ensuring a Quality Education for All Despite Scarce Resources
- Anchor Institutions: Engaging Neighborhoods, Driving Innovation and Development

**When:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016 from 7:30 – 10:00 AM

**Where:** Elmwood Community Center, 1106 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06110

**Why:** We rank last nationally for job growth. We rank last nationally at retaining recent college graduates. We have one of the largest achievement gaps nationwide. We are facing bankruptcy in Hartford and enormous budget deficits for the State. Some things are going well, but not enough. We have tried time and time again to address these issues and have made little progress. It is time to try something different. Come and help design that future with us.

**What We've Already Done:** Over the last year, CRCOG Foundation and the Metro Hartford Progress Points partners have held a series of events to discuss key regional challenges to identify obstacles, challenges and potential solutions to regional challenges:

- **Access to stronger neighborhoods: How can housing and transit connect people to opportunity?** (Elmwood Community Center, 10/8/15)
- **Talent Development and Advanced Manufacturing Session**, (October 23, 2015, Legislative Office Building)
- **Access to Better Jobs: Where are the opportunities to find work at living wages?** (Manchester Community College, 11/20/15)
- **Access to Better Schools: How will declining enrollment and school choice shape our region?** (Trinity College, 12/8/15)
- **Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Key Drivers of Job Growth in Connecticut** (January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Legislative Office Building)
- **Anchor Institutions, Neighborhood Involvement and the Innovation Economy** (June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Legislative Office Building)

The November 15<sup>th</sup> event will build on these to chart a path forward.

**How:** Register at: [www.hfpg.org/events](http://www.hfpg.org/events) using the event code: **PP2016**