Maine Civic Hack Day 2014

2nd Annual Hackathon for Maine's Communities May 31st & June 1st

What is it?

Maine Civic Hack Day (www.civichack.me) is an event focused on solving community problems. Currently we are in the process of soliciting problem definitions from the community. These problems, or challenges, can take a wide array of forms. During the event we will work to provide a prototype solution to the problem. The event is focused on these goals:

1. Building prototype solutions to real problems
2. Forming new connections between our community members
3. Demonstrating interesting approaches to solving problems
4. Inspiring new initiatives and collaborations

All of these goals are placed in the theme of improving the quality of life in our communities.

How could you fit into this?

Here's a few possibilities:

1. Providing challenges to the participants based on real problems you experience in your work
2. Offering up data sets which could be used to quantify a problem, potentially allowing it to be presented in a new light
3. Promoting the event
4. Offering incentives to participants in the form of prizes, experiences, or some form of recognition
5. Visiting the event
6. Sponsoring the event with cash or in-kind donations.

A National effort

This is part of a National effort called the "National Day of Civic Hacking" www.hackforchange.org

Note, there will be a hacking even at the Whitehouse as part of this effort:
http://hackforchange.org/events/white-house-we-the-people-civic-hackathon/

Local Partnerships

So far we are working with the follow organizations at the local level:

1) City of Bangor
2) Eastern Maine Development Corporation
3) Bangor Daily News
4) Hacktivate
5) Studio Linear
6) Code for Maine
7) Bangor Public Library
8) Maine Discovery Museum

We expect the list above to grow as our outreach efforts continue to bring more people and organizations to the table to propose challenges for the event.

Interested?

Let's talk more! Reach the organizing team at hello@hacktivate.org.