# Preserving the Future

## PEGI Project Update

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# Mission Statement

Preservation of Electronic Government Information (PEGI) is an initiative to address national concerns regarding the preservation of electronic government information by cultural memory organizations for long term use by the public.

The PEGI Project's chief concern is that historically significant born-digital government information is not being comprehensively and systematically preserved.

# Partner Institutions

- University of North Texas
- University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- Arizona State University
- University of Missouri
- Stanford University
- Yale University
- Center for Research Libraries
- Educopia

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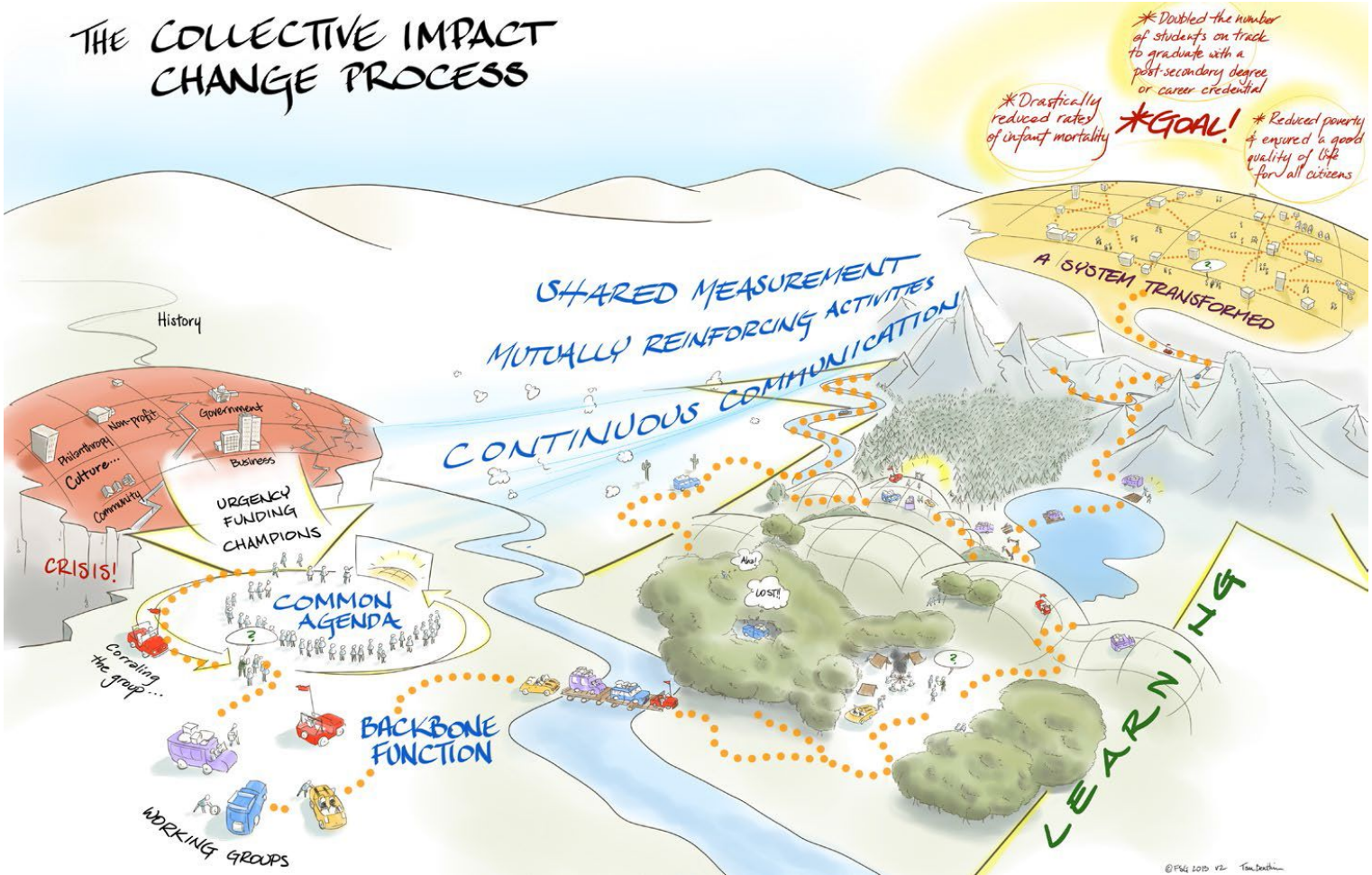
# Our goals for furthering preservation and access to electronic government information

- Engage a **variety of stakeholders** in meaningful discussions
- **Assess the landscape** of creation, dissemination, and preservation of electronic government information
- Identify alignment between stakeholders for **future collaborative activities**
- Gauge acceptance of stakeholders and other participants to the use of the **Collective Impact model**


THE COLLECTIVE IMPACT CHANGE PROCESS
*Doubled the number of students on track to graduate with a post-secondary degree or career credential
*Drastically reduced rates of infant mortality
*GOAL!
* Reduced poverty & ensured a good quality of life for all citizens
A SYSTEM TRANSFORMED
SHARED MEASUREMENT
MUTUALLY REINFORCING ACTIVITIES
CONTINUOUS COMMUNICATION
History
Philanthropy
Non-profit
Government
Culture...
Business
Community
URGENCY
FUNDING
CHAMPIONS
CRISIS!
COMMON AGENDA
Corraling the group...
BACKBONE FUNCTION
WORKING GROUPS
Aha!
LOST!
LEARNING

# Project Activities

# Project Mini-Forums and Consultations

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| Libraries & Archives | • Depository Library Council, October 2017<br>• American Library Association, February & June 2018<br>• American Association of Law Librarians, July 2018<br>• Society of American Archivists, August 2018 |
| Researchers & Practitioners | • American Historical Association, January 2018<br>• American Association for the Advancement of Science, March 2018<br>• Organization of American Historians (OAH), April 2018<br>• iPRES, September 2018 |
| Agencies | • Marine Mammal Commission<br>• Government Publishing Office<br>• Library of Congress<br>• National Archives and Records Administration |
| Virtual Events | • General Discussion, March 2018<br>• Practitioner Panel, May 2018 |

# Environmental Scan

- How is born-digital federal government information and data created, managed, disseminated, and preserved?
  - By government entities
  - By external entities
- What are the prerequisites for ensuring ongoing public access to and long-term preservation of born-digital government information?

Environmental Scan: https://educopia.org/pegi-environmental-scan/

# National Forum on Preserving Electronic Government Information

## December 9-10, 2018, at the Omni-Shoreham in Washington DC

National Forum Report:
https://educopia.org/pegi-project-national-forum-summary-and-report/

# Cross-sector collaboration

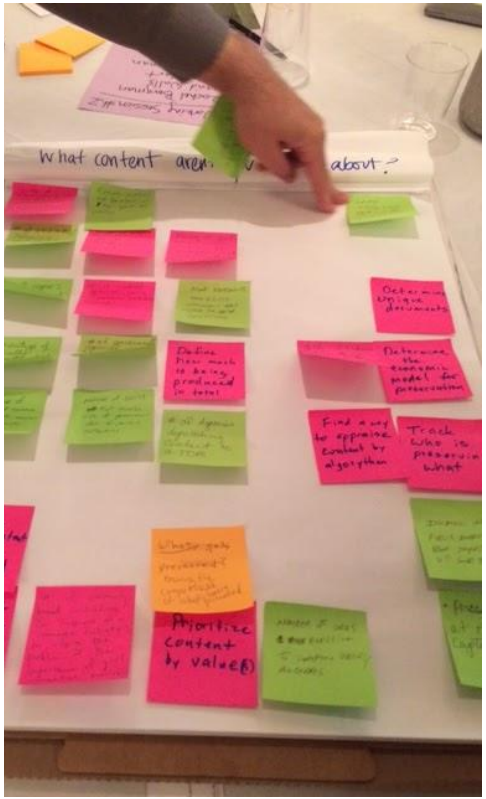
Librarians, digital preservationists, archivists, scholars and professors actively participated in the discussion.

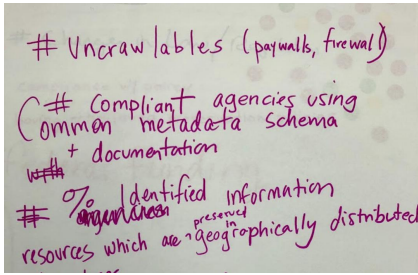
Government representatives, librarians, and records managers shared their expertise and helped to inform the discussion.

Some independent organizations are already working to preserve born-digital government information. Each brought the benefit of experience.

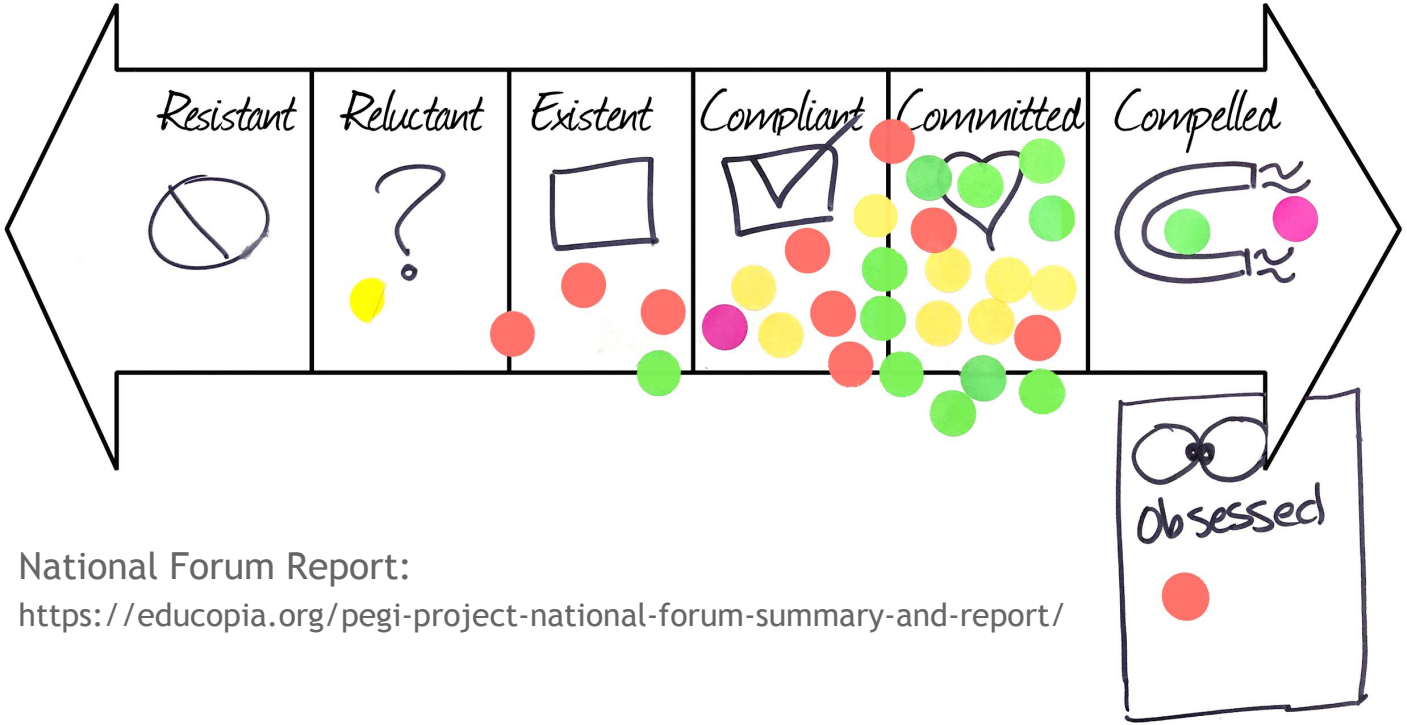
# National Forum Activities

The two-day meeting was structured and facilitated by Dr. Katherine Skinner, Executive Director of the Educopia Institute.



# Commitment Continuum

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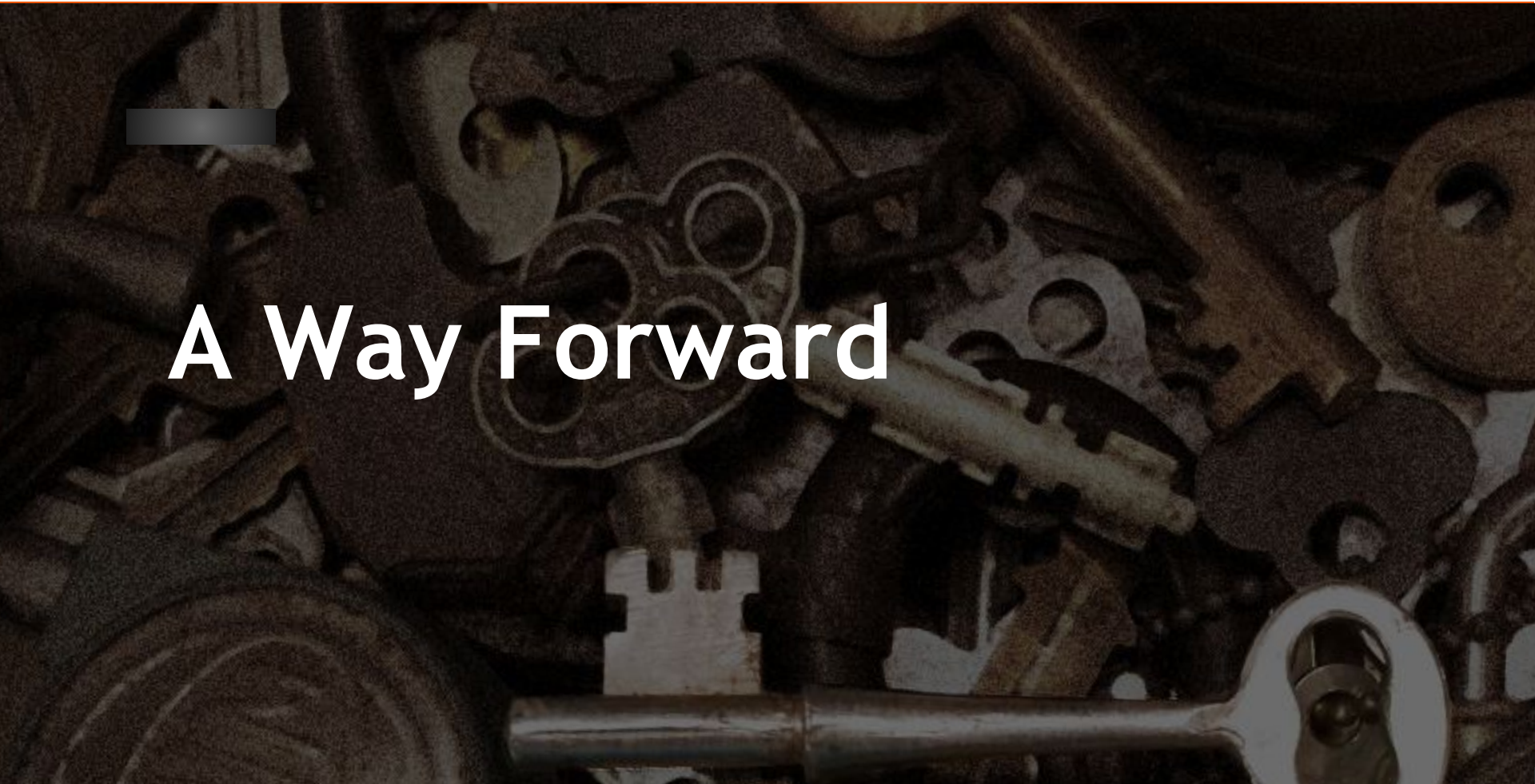

# A Way Forward

# Two-Year Report

Forthcoming at
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# What We Learned

- The commitment of communities working in this problem space is clear.
- While communities have shared urgency and can articulate collective goals, they diverge in defining and scoping the problem.
- It is difficult to agree on quantifiable goals due to the variety of priorities at play.
- Although communities differ in how they use terminology, this does not pose a significant barrier to productive discussion and exploration.
- Continuous listening and information-sharing produces benefits.

# Future Directions

PEGI Project as:

## AGENT FOR CONNECTION

- Mobilize cross-sectoral leadership by seeking and building trust among potential partners.
- Extend efforts to connect those who want to participate with active projects that need collaborators.
- Focus on engagement with projects that support underserved communities, and those led by practitioners from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds.

# Future Directions

PEGI Project as:

## EDUCATIONAL PARTNER

- Develop curriculum that builds engagement with born-digital government information preservation.
- Create opportunities to support the development of records management knowledge among librarians.
- Increase awareness in government records management communities about the public's interest in decisions made throughout the appraisal process.

# Future Directions

PEGI Project as:

## LEADERSHIP CATALYST

- Activate library efforts to collect and curate born-digital government information and data that align with organizational missions.
- Demonstrate the urgency of this work to leaders who can direct existing efforts or undertake new projects.
- Articulate a future research agenda.

# Thank you.

## Questions or Ideas? Contact us:

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