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CreativeGround/Common Ground:

Building and Sustaining Creative Community Collaborations

Bijou Theatre, 275 Fairfield Ave, Bridgeport
Thurs. April 30, 2015, 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Free.

RSVP with the expression of:

1. a need; 2. a resource; 3. an idea for
a collaborative project

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What is the Creative Economy and what makes it tick? In this morning discussion and workshop, organized by the Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County, explore what holds artists, cultural nonprofits, and creative businesses together in the engine that drives the creative economy of Fairfield County.

Session One: Creativity and the Creative Economy: Needs, Resources, Collaboration.

*Hear models, explore ideas, and begin active collaborations among other artists, businesses and cultural nonprofits to meet needs, share resources and create synergy. Promising project ideas will be taken further, after this conference, at the **Comradity** co-working space in Stamford's South End.*

Session Two: Creating Community through the Creative Economy. Space, Jobs & Youth

*Hear **Bridgeport Mayor Bill Finch**, artist leaders, developers and entrepreneurs speak about the multilateral contract needed among artists, arts groups and cities in building thriving, viable communities.*

Session Three: CreativeGround Workshop - Resources & Marketing

Dee Schneidman, Research Manager, New England Foundation for the Arts, will demonstrate the CreativeGround Directory, guiding individuals and organizations through the process of creating and updating a comprehensive profile - maximizing the profile's searchability and showing how CreativeGround can help find potential collaborators. Attendees will also learn about grant opportunities serving the New England region.

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