

Deliberative Democracy **Basic** Resources

A 2-degree course change can lead to an very different destination. According to the [OECD](#), the world is experiencing a “[deliberative wave](#)”. These changes in design are producing greater citizen engagement. This greater agency steers populations away from polarization, authoritarianism, disinformation and unhealthy forms of public discourse.

We’d like to explore the elements of this deliberative wave. We believe that enormous positive change can be created by “turning down the heat” and increasing citizen engagement and trust. For this process to occur, people need to be familiar with the successful work done in this area. We suggest focusing on the 3 areas outlined below to begin. Some are in audio format and some are websites that you can enjoy at your own pace. All of these resources provide valuable information for increasing citizen engagement in group decision-making and calm, rational governance.

The Basics

1. In person innovations such as citizens assemblies

- a. [The Irish Citizens Assembly](#) (How to Save Democracy, audio, 64 min)
- b. [Citizens assemblies: Definition and standards](#), (website)

2. Digital innovations in democratic participation

- a. [Taiwan’s Transformation](#) (How to Save Democracy, audio, 54 min)
- b. [The Computational Democracy Project](#) (website)

3. Indigenous-style governance systems currently operating, Nunavut and NWT

- a. [No political Parties: How Nunavut’s Consensus Government works](#) (CBC video, 1:56 min.)
- b. [What is Consensus Government? \(NWT\)](#) (website)

See attached for further resources