

Creating Pathways to Jobs in Technology: Cognizant U.S. Foundation Co-Hosts Launch of New Civic Hall Report, 'NYC's Tech Opportunity Gap'



Hall Report, 'NYC's Tech Opportunity Gap'

On November 6, the Cognizant U.S. Foundation and Civic Hall, a New York-based learning and collaboration center focused on technology, hosted community and training partners, local employers, and public officials in New York City to celebrate the launch of Civic Hall's new research report, *NYC's Tech Opportunity Gap*.

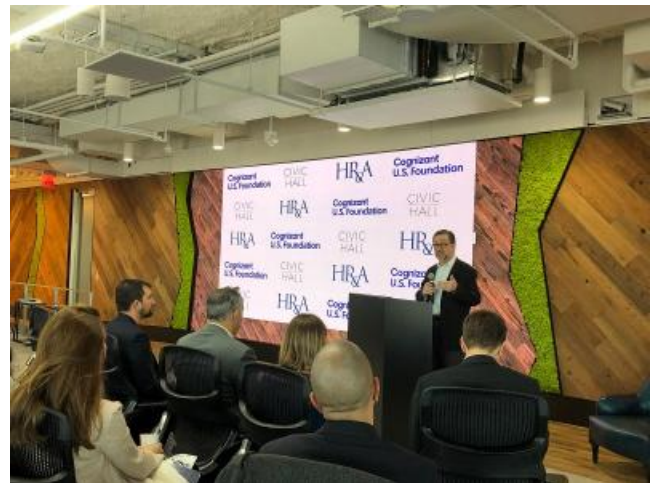
The report, commissioned by Civic Hall, funded by the Cognizant U.S. Foundation and prepared by HR&A, highlights NYC's tech workforce ecosystem, combining an analysis of labor market, economic data, and interviews of approximately 100 employers, community organizations, city agencies, and tech workforce training providers. The report provides a current view of the NYC tech job market with the goal to generate an evidence-based roadmap for future training programs that connects the training to current and future in-demand jobs.

Guests were welcomed to the event by Allen Shaheen, Cognizant U.S. Foundation Board Member and Cognizant Executive Vice President, Digital Engineering. James Patchett, President and CEO, NYC Economic Development Corporation, then discussed the significance of the report and how it aligns with the EDC's priorities to advance the city's tech workforce and prepare New Yorkers for jobs of the future. Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer then spoke on the tech job opportunities available to New Yorkers. Kate Wittels, Partner, HR&A, provided an overview of the report, while Kalani Leifer, Founder and CEO, COOP, discussed the implications of the report from the perspective of a training provider.

Andrew Rasiej, Co-Founder and CEO, Civic Hall, rounded out the event by highlighting the role of the new Civic Hall @ Union Square, planning for which will be informed by the findings in the report. The new location will be a first-of-its-kind center focused on technology for good in New York. The building will include a three-story, 40,000-square foot high-tech Learning Center, a future center of gravity for advancing NYC's tech workforce and where any citizen will be provided access to 21st century technology education. The space is scheduled to open to 2021.

Click [here](#) to read more and to access the full report.

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Cognizant U.S. Foundation Board Member and Cognizant Executive Vice President, Digital Engineering, Allen Shaheen gives opening remarks at the event