



Connecticut Arts Learning Collaborative Summit

January 13-14, 2026

Hilton Garden Inn

1181 Barnes Rd, Wallingford, CT 06492

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 8:30am-5:00pm

Theme: Laying the Foundation

8:30 - Welcome & Breakfast Social (continental breakfast provided)

9:00 - Opening Keynote: *The Transformative Power of Arts Education*

- **Keynote Speaker: Bob Morrison** - CEO, Quadrant Research
Introduction by Amy Perras, Executive Director CAAA

9:45-11:00 Panel Conversation: Foundational work of CALC

Moderated by: Bob Morrison

- **Jennifer Leeper** - Chair, Education Committee, CT General Assembly
- **Elizabeth Shapiro** - Director, CT Office of The Arts
- **Lynn Tuttle** - Executive Director & CEO, American String Teacher Association
- **Steve Zimmerman** - K-12 Arts Supervisor, Westport Public Schools

11:00-11:10 Break

11:10-12:00 Call to Action & Group Reflection

Dr. Brent Hasty - Executive Director, MindPop

"Mobilizing Communities Through the Arts"

12:00-1:00 PM – Lunch (meal provided)

1:00-2:00 PM Panel Discussion: *Why do we need a multi-sector coalition?*

Moderated by: Tekowa Omara-Otunnu, CT Office of the Arts

- **Dom McLennon** - Brockhampton, Interdisciplinary Artist
- **Nancy DeCrescenzo** - Department of Justice
- **Winnie Wong** - Real Art Ways
- **Gary Nolan** - Windsor High School Music Department
- **Steven Tatum** - Hartford Board of Education

2:00-3:30 - Roundtables and working groups

Facilitated by MINDPOP

3:30-4:00 - Closing comments

MindPop & CALC Team

4:00 PM – Networking Reception

Hilton Garden Conference Lobby Area

Day 2

Wednesday, January 14, 2026 - 8:30am-12:00pm

Theme: From Vision to Action

8:30 - Welcome & Breakfast Social (continental breakfast provided)

9:00 - Morning Keynote Conversation- *“Collective Impact and the power of a strong plan”*

Dr. Brent Hasty - Executive Director, MindPop

Jeannette McCune - Executive Director, SchoolTalk

10:00 - 11:00 AM – Working Groups: *Developing action plans based in our common agenda and big goals* *Facilitated by MINDPOP*

11:00 AM – Report-Outs & Cross-Pollination

11:45 AM – Closing Call to Action

12:00 - Adjournment