Access the Data (accessthedata.org)

Access the Data is an initiative aimed at identifying and addressing the areas where data literacy education within our communities is needed most. With government policies increasingly relying on data and data analysis, it becomes imperative to increase data literacy in order for citizens to be effective advocates for their communities.

In this spirit, **Hack for LA's Access the Data** team, in partnership with the Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, and Neighborhood Councils, will be developing modules to address those areas. The project will produce a website to make accessing modules and other relevant self teaching content easy.

Goals

- Elevate the LA citizen's knowledge and effective use of publicly available government data sources, data systems and applications through talks and workshops
- Increasing adoption of data sets and tools provided by the city or other 3rd parties (ex. Empower LA, Data for Good, Neighborhood Data for Social Change) and encourage engagement with open source code/data
- Create public website for community to get involved and continue offline learning
- Knowledge transfer and growth of the overall open source Civic Tech community
- Recruiting community members to join the Data Community of Practice for mentorship and projects

Six-Month Roadmap

1. Identify resources/personnel and technologies required to build out project
2. Interview and onboard identified personnel - e.g. project developer(s) and UX team
3. Stakeholder identification and interviews
4. Develop list of topics aligned with the needs of the community
5. Build and deliver 5 workshops in the first year (1 every 2 months)
6. Develop survey process to track engagement and feedback to keep topics aligned with community needs
7. Design website for Access the Data

Partners