Expert ask for Thursday Morning

I am writing to invite you to join us as a key expert at the Media Consortium's [Transformative Media Conference March1-4 in DC](http://tmcmedia.org).

The aim of this conference is to build a stronger, transformed independent media sector--strong enough to fight back against Trump. Among the values this new media system will share will be the journalistic values of accuracy and accountability, and the social values of inclusivity and equity. It will be a news media that puts communities (rather than journalists or politicians, etc,) at its center.

We would like you to help model the participatory format we will have at the event. We ask you to prepare to host a conversation on opportunities for our work and collaboration on Thursday, March 2nd. You can choose a topic aligns with the event's mission -- to help transform the media ecosystem. Some examples are, "Resilience legal strategies during Trump's presidency" and "How to leave the coasts to engage the middle.”

You will join 10-15 others hosts who will have an opportunity to speak to the entire group for 2-3 minutes—the aim being to excite and invite participants to join you for a 20 minute conversation. We will do 2-3 rounds of these conversations, where you will host the space, but the participants will rotate. The aim of these sessions is to get folks discussing and collaborating early-on in the event, and to start to identify areas of interest for future breakout conversations that we will prioritize over the conference.

As for a next step, please answer:

1) Are you interested in hosting a conversation?

2) If so, what is your 2-3 sentence invitation?

3) Any questions or concerns?

Please let me know if you are able to attend and are willing to be one of our expert voices. Registration and hotel information is at [http://tmcmedia.org](http://tmcmedia.org" \t "_blank)

Sincerely,

Jo Ellen Green Kaiser