



Arts & Culture: Recommendations to Advance Social Connection



Foundation for
Social Connection
ACTION NETWORK

We envision a vibrant society where social connection is at the heart of public policy and how we live.

CALL TO ACTION

Join the movement to confront the growing crisis of social disconnection. Call for bold investments and policy reforms across health, education, employment, infrastructure, arts and culture, nutrition, and research to build a more connected, resilient, and thriving society for all.



OUR RECOMMENDATIONS

The Action Network believes that expanding civic engagement, volunteerism, faith-based initiatives, and ethical technology use can strengthen social bonds and reduce loneliness. Key strategies include automatic voter registration, increased funding for AmeriCorps and faith-based mental health programs, support for intergenerational volunteering, and regulation of social media and AI to ensure they promote connection rather than isolation. These efforts aim to build trust, community involvement, and shared civic purpose across diverse populations.



To address social isolation and loneliness and to encourage social connection in arts & culture (e.g., voting, faith, religion, technology), policymakers should:

Automate voter registration and restoration for formerly incarcerated individuals and newly eligible voters.



Expand grants through HHS' Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships to support faith-based mental health initiatives.



Engage with stakeholders on existing programs within the Corporation for National and Community Service (e.g., AmeriCorps Senior) to provide volunteer services to individuals affected by social isolation and loneliness.



Deploy equitable AI-driven tools for community health and social isolation assessments through federally supported pilot programs.



Direct funding through the DOE, HHS, and Corporation for National and Community Service to support civic bridgebuilding programs that promote respect among diverse communities, strengthen social unity, build shared civic purposes, and address public concerns.



About Us

The Foundation for Social Connection Action Network (F4SCAN), formerly known as the Coalition to End Social Isolation and Loneliness (CESIL), has the mission to bring together a diverse set of national organizations, including consumer groups, health plans, healthcare providers, technology innovators, patient advocates, and more to develop and advocate for federal policy solutions to address the epidemic of social isolation and loneliness. Our efforts span a wide range of activities – developing and advocating for federal and state policy solutions, leading public awareness activations in Washington D.C. and across the nation, and incorporating the latest research into our policy platform. Our full 2025-2027 Policy Priorities can be found [here](#). Visit our website at www.endsocialisolation.org