

Tips and Tricks for Meeting with Delaware Legislators

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Agenda

- Background on Legislative Hall
- Forming Relationships with Staffers
- Speaking with legislators
- Activity
- Wrap-up & Future DLA directions

Background on Legislative Hall

- The structure of the Delaware State Legislature
- What is a legislative aide?
- How do legislative aides get hired?
- What does a day in the life of legislative aide look like?

How do you schedule a meeting with a legislator?

- Getting your message across is going to take time
- In order to get your message across you need to build relationships
- Get to know the Legislative Assistant
- Respect goes a long way
- Know the schedule

Speaking with legislators

- Know your story of self; Know your message
- What do libraries do?
- What's important to legislators?
- What do you want from legislators?

Conversation Starters

“Lots of your constituents spend time at libraries”

“You got elected to serve the community and the library is a critical resource that serves the community”

“If you are working on community problems, libraries are already doing something to address it”

Activity

- Paired conversations
 - What is your story of self?
 - What is your message?
 - What is the connection between the two?
- Think-pair-share
 - What would you like to see DLA Leg Days look like in the future?

Wrap Up & Future Directions

Thank You!

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