



ARLINGTON VIRGINIA

Digital Equity Coalition

Agenda and Logistics

December 5, 2025

Check-in (8:45am – 9:00am): Come a few minutes early to check-in and grab coffee.

Welcome, New and Good News (9:00am – 9:15am): Brief welcome and opportunity for the group to share your own new and good news related to digital equity.

Presentation by Levy (9:15 am – 9:35 am): We'll video conference Ann Marie Guzzi from Levy, a strategic design company that co-built the [AI Upskilling Cohort](#) with DC Public Library earlier this year. The 12-week program ran from August through September, and participants are creating their own nonprofit to further the work called [The Upskilling Lab](#).

Presentation by Leadership Center of Arlington (9:35am – 10:00am): Hear from Lisa Fikes, President & CEO, about leadership and out-of-the-box thinking related to leveraging current or former federal employees as volunteers to support digital equity work.

Presentation by GMU's Office of Community Engagement and Civic Learning (10:00am – 10:15am): Hear from Shanelle Highsmith, Program Manager for Outreach and Partnerships, about her office, ways students volunteer, and how organizations can connect to interested students.

Presentation by Commonwealth Cyber Initiative (10:15 am – 10:30 am): Hear from Liza Wilson Durant, George Mason University Assoc. Provost for Strategic Initiatives, Professor, and Director of the Northern Virginia Node of the Commonwealth Cyber Initiative.

Meeting Wrap-Up (10:30 am – 10:40 am): Brief wrap-up, including a short overview of upcoming strategic planning activities to support the 2026 Quarter 1 meeting – Where Do We Go From Here - Evolving the Coalition.

(Optional) **Tour of FUSE / Networking (10:40 am – 11:30 am)** – Stay a little longer to connect with colleagues and/or tour the new FUSE building with a GMU tour guide. FUSE is adjacent (and connected) to Van Metre Hall.

Meeting Location:

Mason Square at George Mason University

Room 308 - Van Metre Hall, the entrance adjacent to the new FUSE building

3351 Fairfax Dr. Arlington, VA 22201

GMU is located approximately 0.2 miles from Virginia Square-GMU Metrorail Station (~ 5-minute walk). A map of the campus, including visitor parking, is attached to the meeting invitation.