# **A Collaborative Civic Leadership Reading Primer**

The following articles from *Stanford Social Innovation Review* help build a foundation of shared understanding for civic leaders interested in catalyzing cross-sector collaboration.

[Collective Impact](http://www.ssireview.org/articles/entry/collective_impact) by John Kania and Mark Kramer: Effectively makes the case that only through rigorous, intentional collaboration can we achieve sustained positive community change.

[Embracing Emergence](http://www.ssireview.org/blog/entry/embracing_emergence_how_collective_impact_addresses_complexity?utm_source=Enews&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ten_gifts) by John Kania and Mark Kramer: When we have a better understanding of complexity the case for collaboration becomes clearer.

[The Dawn of Systems Leadership](http://www.ssireview.org/articles/entry/the_dawn_of_system_leadership) by Peter Senge, Hal Hamilton and John Kania: Catalyzing change within complex system requires distinct leadership capabilities.

[A Safe Place to Practice](http://www.ssireview.org/blog/entry/a_safe_place_to_practice) by Chris Thompson, Mark Scheffler and Marcy Levy-Shankman: Makes the case that community-based leadership programs can provide leaders with a safe place to develop and practice their systems/collaborative civic leadership skills.

Chris Thompson, director of regional engagement for the Fund for Our Economic Future, shares his personal experiences with cross-sector collaboration on the blog [Regional Physics](http://regionalphysics.blogspot.com/).