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Chopra Discusses Open Source Data & Impacts on Arlington

Arlington, VA - With more than 50 people registered, Leadership Arlington held its final "[Speaker Series - Leadership Authors](#)" with Aneesh Chopra discussing his book [Innovative State](#) at WETA on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 from 11:30am until 1:30pm.



Aneesh Chopra (middle) joined by Leadership Arlington's President & CEO Betsy Frantz (left) and Senator Adam Ebbin (right).

Chopra, a Leadership Arlington Signature Program Class of 2004 member, was appointed by President Obama as the country's first Chief Technology Officer. Having an extraordinary background in technology and government, Chopra wrote [Innovative State](#), in which he provides an essential guide for how to create a government that is more transparent, participatory and collaborative.

He spoke about inefficiencies in government due to a lack of open-source data and discussed how making datasets available to the public can increase innovation, create jobs and transform government to become more efficient.

In one of his many real-life examples provided, Chopra cited a specific case about health care datasets on the internet, specifically using HealthCare.gov, and shared how opening this data spawned innovative solutions in the private sector.



Arlington County Board member Libby Garvey and Senator Adam Ebbin were in attendance.

Chopra ended the session by leaving attendees with a thought-provoking question on leadership - how can Arlington benefit from transparent data?

For pictures from the event, please visit our [Facebook page](#).

Thank you to April Session Supporters Evolent Health, Privia Health and RxAnte as well as Series Supporters Catering by LT and WETA.



Chopra discusses trending topics from his book [Innovative State](#) at Leadership Arlington's Speaker Series.

About Leadership Arlington

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