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How I Learned to Let Communities Guide Our Local Reporting Projects

As an engagement reporter on ProPublica’s Local Reporting Network, I gave people avenues to participate in our reporting and learned lessons about respect, building networks and getting journalism to the people affected by it.

by Beena Raghavendran, Feb. 25, 4:59 a.m. EST



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