

Is civicarted.com a scam? TrustSniffer's high-risk assessment: 5/100

civicarted.com

Verdict

5

OUT OF 100

CRITICAL RISK

civicarted.com shows high-risk / scam indicators.

This assessment found strong scam indicators. Do not pay, sign in, or share personal details with this site.

Sensitive Interaction Risk

Governance Risk

Assessed 2026-08-21 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

University-affiliated project site describing a curriculum development initiative (Civically Engaged Art Education). Contains descriptions of projects, collaborators, funding sources, contact information, news and event listings, and a login link for site accounts.

Evidence status and limitations

- Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN
- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
 - Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

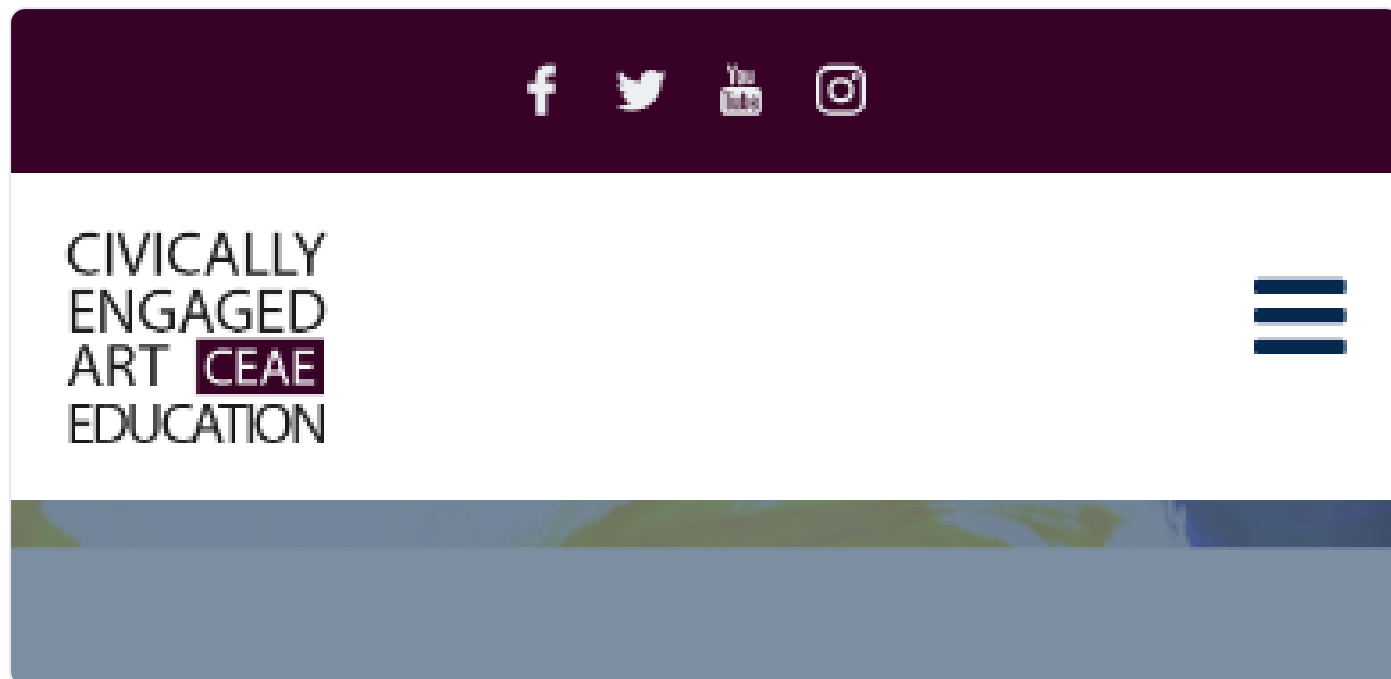
At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	4 flagged it VirusTotal	RISK
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	7.5 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2021 Public history exists	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YR1	NOTED

The page as captured

<https://civicarted.com/>



What civicarted.com served when TrustSniffer captured it on 2026-08-21. The page may look different now.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Sensitive Interaction Risk.
- Domain age: 3 to 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2021.
- At least one reputation service TrustSniffer consulted had flagged this domain at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

This website presents “Civically Engaged Art Education” as an academic curriculum-development initiative focused on combining art, civics education, social justice, and community engagement. Its homepage describes projects, publications, resources, news, events, collaborators, and grant funding, with an account-login function alongside the primarily informational content.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

The site's visible content is consistent with an educational project and does not itself display commercial sales, investment solicitation, brand impersonation, or obvious phishing content. However, external threat intelligence records malicious detections and a confirmed blacklist status from multiple external sources. That contradiction materially outweighs the benign presentation for security decisions, particularly because the site exposes a login function and the independent operator identity remains unverified. The appropriate posture is to treat the domain as unsuitable for credential submission, account access, or other sensitive interaction.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies the project as “Civically Engaged Art Education,” describes curriculum work and community-focused research, and presents no apparent commercial or investment offer.
- The site's login form is a sensitive interaction surface, despite the absence of other sensitive forms or wallet-related behavior.
- Domain registration: 2019-02-21T02:23:35Z; approximately 7.5 years old.
- Archive coverage records 0 snapshots, with observations dated 2021-06-13T06:16:04Z through 2026-05-21T04:51:05Z; the sparse capture should be treated as incomplete archival coverage rather than evidence of a recently created domain.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site presents an academic and grant-funded project model rather than a regulated financial service. It does not provide a license number or regulatory authorization, and the available evidence does not independently verify the real-world operator behind the site. This is a regulatory and identity-verification gap, not by itself proof of a scam; nevertheless, the confirmed external threat indicators mean that institutional affiliation and any stated funding or collaboration claims should not be accepted solely from the website. No matching third-party broker signal was identified.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage and project content describe curriculum development, publications, collaborators, funding sources, and events, but do not present a regulatory authorization.
- The site's hosting infrastructure is served from AS394344 (NETACTUATE - NetActuate, Inc, US).
- The site's transport encryption uses a TLS certificate issued by YR1 with DV validation, valid to 2026-10-30T01:14:24+00:00.
- Independent identity verification is recorded as unverified.

What to Verify Next

Before any account-related activity, an institution should independently confirm the claimed academic affiliation, project sponsors, collaborators, and grant relationships through official institutional records or an offline contact route. Any account credentials associated with the site should be checked for reuse elsewhere and, where applicable, reset through a known-good channel. Licensing verification is relevant only if the site is later used for a regulated or transactional purpose rather than for passive educational reading.

EVIDENCE

- The site provides About Us, Projects, Publications, Resources, and event-related content that can be matched against independently sourced institutional records.
- The site contains a login function, making independent confirmation of the account service and its operator necessary before use.
- The available evidence records no independently verified identity signals connecting the domain to a named real-world operator.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is **critical trust risk** with a high risk of sensitive interaction. The site's professional educational presentation does not overcome the confirmed external threat detections, and the operator identity is not independently verified. Passive reading of publicly available material is materially different from trusting the site with credentials, accounts, or sensitive information.

Infrastructure Integrity

The domain resolves to a single likely origin address without a detected CDN or WAF edge layer. This means there is no identified protective edge infrastructure to mitigate direct hosting exposure; the hosting setup itself neither establishes legitimacy nor offsets the external reputation findings.

Closing Assessment

The site should be limited to passive, read-only viewing, with account access and credential submission withheld unless the affiliation and service ownership are independently confirmed through trusted channels.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-21 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

2 findings contributed to this verdict, raised by registration and ownership, analysis engine, behaviour in a sandbox, external reputation.

01 Governance Risk

- The registration record withholds contact details for the operator.
Registration and ownership rule:KF_WHOIS_HIDDEN
- Registration details are held behind a privacy service, so no operator is named publicly. This is common and legal, and it also means there is nobody to check.
Registration and ownership rule:KF_WHOIS_PRIVATE

02 Sensitive Interaction Risk

- The analysis matched a pattern TrustSniffer treats as a direct threat to a visitor.
Analysis engine signal:direct_threat
- The page rewrote itself after it was interacted with, so what a visitor first sees is not what they end up on.
Behaviour in a sandbox rule:BEHAV_DOM_DIFF_AFTER_INTERACTION
- An external threat feed lists this domain: either Google Safe Browsing marked it malicious, or a significant number of malware engines flagged it.
External reputation rule:EXT_BLACKLIST_CRITICAL

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	30/100
Identity verification confidence	25%

- No on-site identity signals detected

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of [civicated.com](#).

- The request stayed on [civicated.com](#). It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under ENOM, INC.. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by [veerotech.net](#), across 2 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-02-21. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2021-06-13. CLEAR
- It is hosted on NETACTUATE, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	ENOM, INC.
Hosting	NETACTUATE - NetActuate, Inc, US
Country	US
Server IP	192.245.157.160
Name servers	NS1.VEEROTECH.NET, NS2.VEEROTECH.NET
SSL issuer	YR1
SSL expiry	2026-10-30
Domain age	7.50 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-02-21
Archive first seen	2021-06-13
Archive snapshots	Not counted (archive lookup incomplete)
Reputation	VirusTotal: 4 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about [civicated.com](#) at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

