



Extension

Facilitation News & Info



We are sharing this newsletter with those who have participated in facilitation training with us. We hope you find it useful. [Let us know!](#)

How is your facilitation practice going?

Request for Feedback

If you have participated in our *Strengthening Your Facilitation Skills* training, please take our brief survey to help us understand the impact of our facilitation trainings, as well as where we can improve our trainings.

[Take The Survey](#)

Upcoming Trainings

Sharpen your facilitation skills and experiment with real-life scenarios in our unique Training Labs. **Observe** characters as they stumble through familiar meeting scenarios. **Interact** and question them about their motivations. Watch them **Replay** the situation based on your suggestions. We'll empower you to do what you do in a deeper, more confident way. *(And don't worry. We'll leave the acting to the pro actors. You can participate from the comfort of your own chair.)*. Sponsored by Extension, NH Listens and PowerPlay Interactive Development.

[Learn More](#)



The Facilitation Lab

Friday, December 2nd 9:30 – 11:30 am UNH, Durham

This interactive training method for meeting facilitators is centered around managing diverse personality types and political perspectives who are wrestling with development issues in a small fictional town.

[Register Here](#)



Community Engagement Academy

April 7th– Berwick, ME, April 21st– Dover, NH, May 5th– Portsmouth, NH

Strong, vibrant communities rely on their community members to share in the decisions which help to maintain and improve the community. Taught by experts from the University of New Hampshire and University of Maine, the Community Engagement Academy will teach the fundamentals of community engagement and share new tools for bringing all voices into the discussion. We will visit three Seacoast communities where local speakers will discuss community engagement efforts and participants will gain hands-on experience using various engagement tools.

[Learn More](#)

A Best Practice for Facilitation

Use Ground Rules

Ground rules set the expectations for how a meeting will be run and how participants will treat each other. Ground rules are also a tool for the facilitator to remind participants in order to help regulate the group. You may choose to bring a list of ground rules, or sometimes it can be useful to work with the group to establish their own ground rules.

GROUND RULES

- Be respectful and polite
- Listen to others
- One speaker at a time
- All ideas are valid
- Be concise
- Stay focused and on task
- Challenge problems, not people



Extension

[About UNH Cooperative Extension Community Development](#)