



Remote-facilitation Skill-Share Guidelines

The Maine Humanities Council is excited to help anyone hosting text-based discussions via Zoom feel at ease building connection, supporting reflection and sharing ideas, and engaging groups with a text online. We've worked with virtual facilitation experts to develop a Zoom-facilitation skill-share that directly addresses needs and concerns that arise in discussions like ours – where participants' engagement with a text and with each other are vital.

Training

- Work with MHC to be sure that you have what you need in order to use a platform like Zoom to facilitate a meaningful discussion.
- Participate in skill-share that includes an orientation to Zoom and demonstrates a range of ways to build a sense of connection, foster reflection, engage with a text, and invite a meaningful exchange of ideas in a remote gathering.
- Anyone new to Zoom can join 15 minutes early for extra orientation.

Priorities

- People and organizations serving those who are most deeply isolated from each other and the wider community,
- People and organizations whose work has public impact.
- Organizations serving and led by members of communities traditionally under-resourced in the humanities.
 - These groups include people of color, people who identify as LGBTQ+, people who live in rural areas, people with disabilities, people who identify as immigrants or refugees, and people whose first (or only) language is not English. (Please note that this is not an exhaustive list.)

Eligibility

- The Maine Humanities Council aims to make these offerings as accessible as possible to anyone in any community in Maine.

- Anyone who hosts or wants to host text-based discussions is welcome to join a Remote-facilitation Skill-share.

Registration

- Registration is required for Remote-facilitation Skill-shares, but there is no application process.
- Trainings are scheduled every Thursday in May from 1:00-2:30pm
(5/7, 5/14, 5/21, and 5/28)
- Please email Jan Bindas-Tenney to register: jan@mainehumanities.org
- There are a limited number of places; please register as soon as possible.
- If none of the scheduled sessions is possible for you, or if your organization regularly hosts text-based discussions and wants to schedule a session for a group