Summer Discussion Project Guidelines

The Maine Humanities Council is excited to provide a new, flexible opportunity to host a text-based discussion program that meets the needs of your own community, whether you are working independently or as part of an organization.

Program

- Work closely with MHC staff to bring your discussion project to life, whether you use an MHC-prepared plan or create your own.
- Participate in a group orientation / skill-share with others working to create vibrant text-based discussions in their communities.
- MHC provides a facilitator, provides or covers costs for materials, and offers other support as needed.

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 are encouraged to apply.
  - 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

- Individuals and organizations in Maine who want to convene members of their community for rich, grounding discussions of texts without having to develop their own plan.
Individuals and organizations in Maine who wants to develop their own idea for fostering real communication, grounded in texts, among members of their community.

**Application Review**

- Applications are due on May 22, 2020.
- Applications will be reviewed by a panel of MHC staff.
- Notifications will be made starting on June 3rd.

**To Apply**

- The application period will open Friday, May 1.
- Application deadline is Friday, May 22.
- Apply online at: [mainehumanities.org/apply-summer-discussion-project/](mainehumanities.org/apply-summer-discussion-project/)
  - You will apply through a simple application that will take about 30 minutes to complete.

**Questions?**

Please don’t hesitate to contact us with any questions.
Email [jan@mainehumanities.org](mailto:jan@mainehumanities.org) for more information or to set up a time to talk.