

Public Meeting Facilitation Laboratory: Practicing for the Unexpected in Public Meetings

Held on Wednesday, August 12, 2015, 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Warwick Public Library, 600 Sandy Lane, Warwick, RI

Many people feel alienated from public life but the good news is that public officials have the power to address many of the frustrations driving people away from being engaged. In this interactive lab, we practiced real life scenarios, learned about best practices, and gave public officials tools for creating meetings that deal with conflict in a healthy and professional manner. Even after years of experience in community facilitation or public meetings, a tough participant can still make a seasoned facilitator's heart race. We worked with NH Listens Founder Michele Holt-Shannon and UNH Theatre professor David Kaye and his group, Power Play Interactive Development, to gain new insights, techniques and skills.

Target Audiences: chairpersons of state and local boards and commissions

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