

""Twitter handle (and profile name): NHListens (NH Listens)

Twitter description: We work with citizens in local communities to support public deliberation of community issues and develop recommendations to local and state decision makers...

Description of the organization from a third party source: "New Hampshire Listens is a civic engagement initiative of the Carsey School of Public Policy at the University of New Hampshire. Since 2011, they have worked at the local and state level to support civil, public deliberation of complex issues."

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Headings: New Hampshire Listens; New Hampshire Listens; New Hampshire Listens; Discover the Local Civic Health Guide; 2020 New Hampshire Civic Health Index Receives Gold Sustainability Award; Upcoming Events; Testimonials from People and Organizations we've worked with; Upcoming Events; NH Listens News; Granite State News Collaborative: Manchester group takes village approach to community engagement; Granite State News Collaborative: Manchester group takes village approach to community engagement; NH Public Radio: N.H. librarians learn how to lead community conversations that go beyond the book; NH Public Radio: N.H. librarians learn how to lead community conversations that go beyond the book; Upcoming Events: NH Listens Announces New Dates for Local Lunch Box Series; Upcoming Events: NH Listens Announces New Dates for Local Lunch Box Series; Contact Us; Quicklinks

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E: nh.listens@unh.edu; Are you a bridge builder? Change maker? Connector? So are we. Let us know how we can partner with you to deepen authentic engagement in your public serving work.; New Hampshire Listens is a community engagement initiative of the Carsey School of Public Policy at the University of New Hampshire. In the same way that we need the physical infrastructure of roads and bridges, we need infrastructure in our communities to support and sustain democracy. Our team believes that change comes from all directions, and it happens through many different means of engagement in our communities.; We have worked with people in New Hampshire communities for over a decade to strengthen local, regional, and state efforts to improve public life. We are built on earlier work by cofounders Bruce Mallory and Michele Holt-Shannon, including community-based dialogue and engagement in Portsmouth leading to the creation of Portsmouth Listens in 1999. Since 2010, we worked at the local and state level to support respectful conversations of complex issues affecting New Hampshire residents' everyday lives. Our work supports community-led action and change. We are a long-term anchor partner with Everyday Democracy.; We

design thoughtful gatherings, meetings, and coalitions with state and local partners to achieve authentic engagement and more equitable decision making.; ; Sign Up for Updates; Register for an Event; Work With Us; Contact Us; The Carsey School designed this guide to building community and bridging divides to help people at the local level collect data to better understand what factors bring people together or push them apart; The 2020 New Hampshire Civic Health Index was the recipient of a gold award at the UNH Sustainability Awards held May 7, 2021. Read more about this achievement.; ; >> The 2020 New Hampshire Civic Health Index was the recipient of a gold award at the UNH Sustainability Awards held May 7, 2021. Read more about this achievement.; ; "Just wanted to thank you for the great presentation! I think it hit the mark and was just what we had hoped it would be and what we needed to spark the commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI)." ~ Donna J. Kuethe, CPRP, Executive Director of GP RED; "NH Listens is well organized and facilitates discussions in a manner where all opinions and views are shared in a respectful and constructive fashion. NH Listens helped my department hold a discussion with community members to assure mutual understanding and trust between the Community and our Police Officers. The event was well attended and met our goals. The follow-up report written by NH Listens was excellent and resulted in action steps to build upon the discussion." ~ Anthony Colarusso, Chief of Police (retired), Dover, NH; current Head of Security, Wentworth Douglass Hospital; "It is with gratitude that I write this letter of support and gratitude for NH Listens at the Carsey School of Public Policy at UNH. As chair of the Claremont School Board, it seemed appropriate, as we transition out of Covid related restrictions, to gather as a community to meet our four candidates for school board and learn about them and for the candidates to learn the what citizens want and expect from the schools and them." Read more; "The planning of the forum was exceptional with very appealing and informative promotional information that gave the community a clear idea of what the outcomes of the evening would be. This was easily shared with a variety of media sources in Claremont. The results were obvious as approximate 40 citizens, excluding facilitators, candidates, and current school board members, nearly as many as showed up for the deliberative session for the school budget. We were also able to televise the event via community television."; "The event itself was skillfully facilitated; to say the attendees were diverse culturally and politically is an understatement. I sat back as an observer and saw groups sharing ideas, laughing, and collaborating, an incredible sight in these polarized times. People participated, were heard, and had their views validated. The questions generated by groups allowed candidates to draw bright lines, in their responses, between themselves and the other candidates. The de facto Facebook page of Claremont, What's Up Claremont, currently has a number of video excerpts from the forum posted by candidates and other citizens along with encouragement for citizens to vote. A definite Claremont 'seal of approval'. "; "In conclusion, I want to thank NH Listens, the facilitators were just superb, the results were remarkable, and we were lucky enough to have the whole thing paid for by a grant. I recommend this format for anyone who wishes to engage their community in a positive process of local governance."; ~ Frank W. Sprague, Chair, Claremont School Board; "I look forward to setting our next steps to build upon the work of the series. Working with NH Listens was fantastic, thank you so much. I look forward to the next project we can do

together!" ~ Annette Carbonneau, Senior Program Manager, North Country Health Consortium; "Listening can be one of the most disruptive things you can do. Stop and listen. It can provide a pathway forward." ~ Steve Abbott, Independent Consultant, Great Schools Partnership; "I look forward to setting our next steps to build upon the work of the series. Working with NH Listens was fantastic, thank you so much. I look forward to the next project we can do together!" ~ Annette Carbonneau, Senior Program Manager, North Country Health Consortium; "NH Listens is well organized and facilitates discussions in a manner where all opinions and views are shared in a respectful and constructive fashion. NH Listens helped my department hold a discussion with community members to assure mutual understanding and trust between the Community and our Police Officers. The event was well attended and met our goals. The follow-up report written by NH Listens was excellent and resulted in action steps to build upon the discussion." ~ Anthony Colarusso, Chief of Police (retired), Dover, NH; current Head of Security, Wentworth Douglass Hospital; "I look forward to setting our next steps to build upon the work of the series. Working with NH Listens was fantastic, thank you so much. I look forward to the next project we can do together!" ~ Annette Carbonneau, Senior Program Manager, North Country Health Consortium; "NH Listens is well organized and facilitates discussions in a manner where all opinions and views are shared in a respectful and constructive fashion. NH Listens helped my department hold a discussion with community members to assure mutual understanding and trust between the Community and our Police Officers. The event was well attended and met our goals. The follow-up report written by NH Listens was excellent and resulted in action steps to build upon the discussion." ~ Anthony Colarusso, Chief of Police (retired), Dover, NH; current Head of Security, Wentworth Douglass Hospital; Michele Holt-Shannon...; Michele Holt-Shannon, NH Listens...; Starting March 2, Monthly Online Educational Series Offers Training & Resources for Facilitation and...; P: 603.862.0692_x000D_

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Scraped text from their about page of their website: Titles: About | New Hampshire Listens | Carsey School of Public Policy

Headings: New Hampshire Listens; New Hampshire Listens; About; Our Mission; Our Vision; Our Values; Voice and Equity; Authenticity and Integrity; Collaboration and Partnership; Complexity and Humility; Persistence and Flexibility; About; Contact Us; Quicklinks

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E: nh.listens@unh.edu; ; NH Listens is a community engagement initiative of the Carsey School of Public Policy at the University of New Hampshire. We are committed to being fair-minded in our mission of creating and sustaining an inclusive process for public engagement. We partner with public officials, organizations, and leaders in all sectors to

build relationships, talk about difficult subjects, build coalitions, and gather broad input that can lead to improved practice and policy. Read our mission statement.; Since 2010, we worked at the local and state level to support respectful conversations of complex issues affecting New Hampshire residents' everyday lives. Our work supports community-led action and change.; New Hampshire Listens is a proud anchor partner with Everyday Democracy, a national organization supporting everyday people working to strengthen local democracies through dialogue, engagement, and action with a racial equity lens. NH Listens has been an anchor partner with Everyday Democracy since 2015.; ; At New Hampshire Listens, we're committed to making a difference in New Hampshire's cities, towns, and communities. We work with wonderful organization from across the spectrum-from schools and libraries to community and nonprofit groups-helping them to deepen authentic engagement and justice in public life. We're proud of the work we've done and continue to do throughout the state.; ~ Michele Holt-Shannon | Director, NH Listens; We bring people together to talk, listen, and act so communities can work for everyone.; We envision a New Hampshire where everyone is connected, engaged, and heard in decisions that impact their lives and where all have equitable access to justice, opportunity, and liberty.; ; Nothing about us without us1; We believe people bring voice and agency to community decision making. We see patterns in communities that elevate the voices of some and marginalize others. We believe fair and equitable outcomes are possible and more likely when people work together to remove barriers, build more inclusive public participation, and ground solutions in local knowledge.; Be real; Building public trust takes time and ongoing attention. We co-design and facilitate a process to generate solutions for pressing challenges-even when the work is messy, uncertain, and overwhelming. We believe in doing what we say we will do and being transparent in our methods and our motives. We offer skilled, observant, and honest people to support your initiative.; You cannot be an effective problem-solver from a distance2; The only cure for bias is other people2; Collaboration can be hard. We believe solving complex problems will require it. A mix of perspectives helps us recognize and temper our own biases (we all have them). We help groups face biases (of all kinds) and bring skills and attitudes that build trust for ongoing partnership and community good will.; There are things we don't know; Our communities struggle with difficult questions to which no one person knows the answer. We bring humility and a can-do attitude to our work. We believe it takes data and stories from neighbors to create change. We collaboratively create space with partners, so people can grapple with hard options and find pathways to move forward together.; We are in it for the long haul; We respond to current circumstances in local communities and bridge projects by committing to New Hampshire over the long haul. Most communities experience multiple initiatives that lack connection and integration. Our goal is to leave behind approaches that build muscle memory for deep fairness and effective collaboration so that one project brings strength and capacity to the next one.; P: 603.862.0692_x000D_

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Summaries of Links: Based solely on the provided information, it can be inferred that this organization is involved in promoting community engagement and fostering dialogue. The organization's website includes sections on working with communities, events, publications, and a facilitator network, suggesting that it facilitates conversations and collaborations among individuals and groups. Additionally, the presence of an advisory board and partner organizations indicates that the organization seeks input and collaboration from a diverse range of stakeholders. The organization also appears to be associated with the University of New Hampshire, as evidenced by the "unh.edu" domain and references to UNH programs and events. However, without further context or external information, it is difficult to determine the specific mission, goals, or activities of this organization. ""