

Civic Reflection Facilitation Workshop
Indiana Humanities Council
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EVALUATION FORM SYNTHESIS

We appreciate your taking a few minutes to complete this form. Your responses will help us to assess this workshop and plan future events.

1. To what extent did the workshop meet the following overall objectives?

	To a great extent	To some extent	Very little	Not at all
Deepened my understanding of civic reflection.	17	2		
Developed my skills as a facilitator.	13	6		
Introduced me to valuable new ideas and colleagues for doing civic reflection.	17	2		

*more work needed

2. How useful did you find the following activities?

	Very	Some- what	Not very	Not at all	Did not attend
Civic Reflection Discussions:					
A Bed for the Night	16	3			
Fellowship	14	4			1
The Lesson	15	4			
Gitanjali 50 and Reflections on Gandhi	12	7			
Large Group Discussions on the following topics:					
Leading the Conversation	15	4			
Planning the Conversation	17	2			
Selecting the Readings	14	5			
Making It Happen	12	6	1		
Troubleshooting	12	7			
Small Group Facilitation Planning Meetings	14	3			
Final Debrief	12	6	1		

3. Were there particular ideas or activities you found especially helpful?

- Actual facilitators and the planning behind it. Talking about how to be a successful facilitator and taking notes while watching others facilitate.
- Planning for facilitation sessions. Hearing about experiences in facilitating (from Adam and Ryan). Variety of readings.
- It was awesome to participate in the four reflections! I have not had a chance to engage my mind in this way in a very long time. While I hope I am able to facilitate reflections in the future, I think I would enjoy more the opportunity to participate. Each of the readings was thought provoking and powerful in their own way. I appreciated their diversity and richness.
- I was most concerned about choosing readings and I found this section most helpful. I appreciated receiving a manual, a book, and other resources that I can access later. I appreciated that we didn't simply walk through the manual.
- Brainstorming during the training helped to see things in action and see solutions to possible road blocks I might anticipate.
- the concept + readings that enable the process. Opening + closing exercises.
- Trouble shooting ideas such as setting ground rules and naming the issue when there is tension in a group.
- I really thought it was great. At first I wasn't very interested, however the shift has happened! Very innovative!
- I found the activity of facilitating with "you the expert" in one of the conversations very helpful. I really liked your use of soft voice... made me exercise my active listening.
- It was helpful to be exposed to different types of readings and to experience actual sessions. Materials are very helpful. The book give is an excellent resource.
- I really enjoyed that it strictly is a conversation, almost a life form of its own, instead of some planned-out discussion.
- Making it hands on and debriefing after the discussions was helpful. Liked that we stuck to the agenda. The space and food was great.
- I liked the balance between small and large group activities.
- opening exercise. Differences between clarification and interpretation.
- I found the piece about selecting readings incredibly helpful. It got me thinking about how to apply this in any group setting, whether on civic reflection or not. I also think the reading we read (as well as some of the others I read on my own) have a great deal of transferability to so many topics.
- The opportunity to plan around and lead our own discussion. Seeing one discussion lead by the trainers.
- Going into this I was afraid there would be a lot of instruction that involved advice about "I statements" and sensitivity (you know, Dr. Phil stuff. ☺). There was a little of that, but it was balanced wonderfully with practical tips on how to break down a text w/ different question strategies and how to move a group through a conversation.
- I think the time to plan, execute and reflect on facilitation was especially helpful. This all was supported very well by Adam and Ryan's information and facilitation.
- discussions were helpful – hearing from groups on the techniques, tools, etc. resources were helpful – manual, binder, etc. best way to learn is through practice- - looking forward to facilitating.



4. What could we have done better?

- Nothing. I love to give constructive criticism but you guys rocked. Your attitudes and balance were perfect!
- Maybe a few more “assignments” to help us concentrate on learning specific skills (don’t have anything in mind, exactly, but point is to be aware of what you can learn from an exercise beforehand)
- I enjoyed it all.
- I was actually quite impressed with this session. At this time I’m unable to suggest an improvement. Thank you.
- NOTHING!
- I felt like some of the large group discussions could have been condensed – or set up differently/more variety – it got a little monotonous.
- Nothing!
- everything was great
- having spent more time with development of the “questions,” big and the 3 other types would have been helpful. Going through the process with a step-by-step detailed (as much as it can be) would’ve been helpful for me.
- It might be nice to have a little more fellowship time to get to know others.
- bigger room. More parking. More personal info about yourselves).
- nothing come to mind. I thought it was excellent!
- Really nothing. This was a great training.
- Nothing... I generally don’t say that. This training was great. Useful and inspiring.
- I’m trying hard to think of something to put here...

5. Additional comments about the workshop?

- Very interesting, insightful. I think it has a much larger impact that just for facilitation of “structured” civic reflection. Every teacher should go through this exercise!
- Well planned and useful. Also quite fun.
- Thank you. I appreciated the opportunity to participate.
- Very well done. I’m impressed. Travel safely, please.
- I found myself thinking of other ways this will be helpful in my life and work, not just facilitating reflection. Thank you!
- great length of time – not too long but not rushed. Thanks for training the facilitators for IN. we look forward to seeing results. ☺
- enjoyed learning about civic reflection and engaging in discussion.
- Excellent experience – well worth the time spent!
- As is obvious, I struggle with these types of concepts; however, I do feel that with some of my own reflection that I can find a way to successfully implement this in my world even if it wasn’t easy for me. Thank you for not making me feel uncomfortable to not speak out!
- I thought it was great! Very useful, and very informative. I can’t wait to continue the conversation!
- It was very well done and I truly enjoyed it. I was glad I was able to participate – thank you.
- Excellent! The training has inspired me to create new opportunities for civic reflection in my work.



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- I usually don't like sessions like this, but I was pleasantly surprised and very happy that I took part!
- Great job!
- great workshop
- Adam and Ryan were excellent facilitators! I learned a lot and picked up tips by spending a few days with them. Fabulous – thank you!