

# Meet the Winners



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## Youth Winner: Student PIRGs



The **Student Public Interest Research Groups (PIRGs)** from several college campuses were nominated for their work supporting voter education, voter registration and creating safe spaces for dialogue between students with diverse perspectives. Student PIRGs promote learning and understanding about a host of current issues, while providing a forum for students to become politically active and effective. As one elected official put it, “the work PIRGs do is vitally important in a democracy and serves as such a great role model as a set of engaged citizens so necessary to building effective public policy.”

## Regional Winner: New Hampshire Listens



**New Hampshire Listens** is the winner in the regional category for their work facilitating civil conversation in the state of New Hampshire on controversial public challenges. They also train others to facilitate such productive dialogues. Bruce Mallory and Michele Holt-Shannon have developed programs to elevate the state’s problem-solving capabilities, modeling a respectful and inclusive approach that many hope will be replicated nationwide. As the person who nominated them put it, “People feel relieved and respected when Bruce and Michele enter the room.”

## **National Winner: Collaboration between SLLF, NICD, and NFWL.**



The partnership between the **State Legislative Leaders Foundation (SLLF)**, the **National Institute for Civil Discourse (NICD)**, and the **National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL)** has resulted in a new leadership program designed to deliver insight, inspiration and techniques to legislative leaders working to improve public policy discussion in their states. With NICD's expertise in training community leaders and legislatures, SLLF's success in providing state legislators with nonpartisan information and a forum for discussion, and

NFWL's work in empowering leaders, this partnership aims to replace gridlock with progress and criticism with compassion. In the words of their nominator, "since many of our federal leaders begin their political service in state legislatures, success in this program will eventually improve our federal government."

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**Thank you to all those who submitted nominations and helped take part in recognizing organizations doing great collaborative work.**

**Here is to another year of innovation and collaboration!**

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