

Connect and Reflect on America @250 with PBS Wisconsin



America@250 Community Conversations

There is something truly American about having a conversation with your neighbors. That's why PBS Wisconsin and America@250 partners are pleased to share the following free and accessible Community Conversation resources to help you connect and reflect during the run up to—and beyond—America's 250th Anniversary.

Community Conversation Grants

Communities and individuals are encouraged to apply for one of fifteen \$500 grants we will award in support of intentionally diverse (e.g. culturally/ethnically, interfaith, civilian/military) Community Conversation using our America@250 modules. Grant recipients are required to manage all aspects of their Community Conversations and will be required to attend one Facilitator Training session in advance. The Community Conversation grant window opens on October 17, 2025, and closes December 21, 2025. Grant winners will be announced January 19, 2026. Grant application guidelines and distribution rules can be found [here](#).

Community Conversation Modules (Coming January 2026)

Grant recipients as well as the general public can download Community Conversation modules featuring video clips from THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION for group viewing along with thoughtful questions and other resources for small group civic reflection discussion. The value of civic reflection is found in the unpacking of assumptions, values, and commitments, learning what others think, and finding new connections. Multiple thematic modules will be provided for participants to choose from.

Community Conversation Facilitator Training (Coming February 2026)

Level up your Community Conversation with a virtual facilitator training session hosted by PBS Wisconsin, the Center for Community & Nonprofit Studies, and the Civic Health of Wisconsin Initiative. Anyone interested in learning small group conversation facilitation is welcome to join us via Zoom for one of two 90-minute training sessions during February 2026. Our experienced trainers will guide participants through the basics of facilitating small group conversations with an emphasis on listening and understanding differing perspectives and how to create a space for the fruitful exchange of opinions and ideas. Please check back here for facilitator training session dates/times or [fill out this form](#) to be notified when registration opens.

Visit pbswisconsin.org/a250 for more information or contact [Jason Aaron Smith](#) at 608.262.4371

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