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## Mobilizing Higher Education for Deliberative Democracy

### Greetings from The Democracy Imperative!

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Time flies, and we're having fun. We've hosted three informational Webinars, so please watch for announcements on issue-specific Webinars over the next few months. We convened a session at AACU's *Civic Learning* conference in Denver several weeks ago. Our web site is

packed with helpful links and resources. We're calling for proposals for mini-grants, so keep reading. As a membership organization, TDI welcomes your active involvement. Please send *your* news and announcements, join an existing or propose a new COP or project, host a Webinar,

### Features

**Catalyst Paper #1:**  
*Why It's Imperative to Mobilize Higher Education for a More Deliberative Democracy: TDI's Framing Paper*

Read an updated version of the paper that brought the original TDI members together in June. This is a working paper, so comments are welcome!

**Catalyst Paper #2:** *Leading in the UNH community: Achieving common goals through shared leadership*, an address by Bruce Mallory, TDI board chair and Provost and EVP at the University of New Hampshire.

\*Catalyst Papers are a signature TDI initiative.

#### Check the Website for:

- [Upcoming Events:](#)  
The next three TDI presentations or gatherings are in late January, early February, and June, 2008.
- [New Links](#)
- [New Resources](#)

## TDI Call for Proposals: Mini-grants for Catalyst Papers

We're looking for members interested in joining small teams (five people or less) to develop **Catalyst Papers**. In this round, teams will distill and explain the "arts of democracy," inclusive dialogue, public reasoning, conflict transformation, democratic leadership, and collaborative decision and policy making. Responding to this

call is fast and easy. [READ MORE.](#)

New COP for Students! UNH undergraduate Jamie Bemis has started a UNH COP for students interested in the principles and practices of democracy. Students from other campuses interested in organizing parallel communities can work with her directly. [READ MORE.](#)

## Member Publications and Activities

**Mica Stark's** op-ed piece in the Union Leader is a must read. Entitled "[Americans Yearn for a More Collaborative Democracy](#)," the article addresses the widespread discontent we feel as a nation with respect to the current state of our democracy. The article stresses the importance of civic engagement, and discusses a few programs both locally and internationally that strive to encourage it.

[Katy Harriger's](#) new book on Wake Forest's experiment with deliberative democracy ...

[John Stephens'](#) article on consensus building and leadership...

[Caryn McTighe Musil](#) alerts us to a new publication by the Asso-

ciation of American Colleges and Universities, *Diversity and Democracy...*

**Study Circles Resource Center** invite everyone to join in a new and lively blog called [DemocracySpace...](#)

**Matt Leighninger** and **John Stephens** invite people to join an active [group](#) of public administrators...

**Victor Rubin** at PolicyLink tells us of a new public [website](#) linked to the Kellogg-supported cluster of engaged campuses...

**Sandy Heierbacher** of NCDD launched a "fun online tool" called the NCDD Members Network, A *Facebook* for dialogue and deliberation works! [Join here.](#)