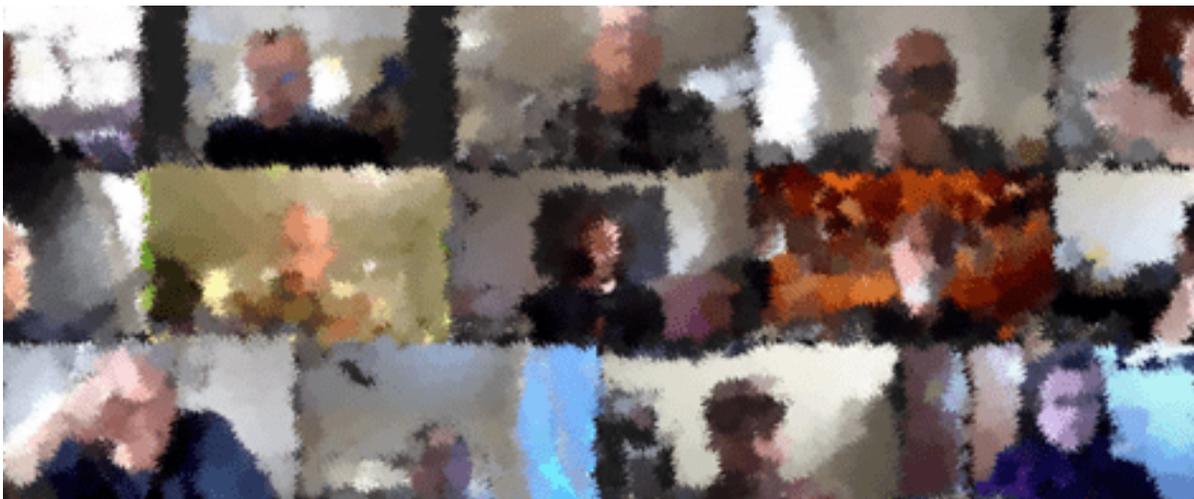


A New Year, a New Start for Better Discussions

Touchstones Fellows Program Announces
New Cohort in February



We are excited to announce that the Touchstones Fellows program will start its next cohort in February 2026! The Touchstones Fellows program began in 2020 with the

goal of developing discussion leadership skills in K-12 and higher ed educators by creating a group that practices discussion leadership weekly in an online format.

Led by Sharon Thomas, Director of K-12 and Family Engagement Programs, and Matteo Burrell, who is receiving his doctorate in collaborative discussion from The New School in New York City, the sessions will occur **each Monday night (via Zoom), February 2 through March 23, 2026, 7:00-8:30 pm ET.**

The program will include K-12 and higher ed educators from across North America who want to learn more about discussion leadership by experiencing their own Touchstones circle for 8 weeks. We will also meet briefly on **Monday, January 26, 7:00-8:00 pm, for a brief orientation** to the program and to answer questions. The cost is completely free to educators who are accepted into the program, and participants will receive a certificate at the end that can count toward continuing education credits. It's a great way to get more in-depth training on discussion leadership beyond our introductory workshop.

We still have a few slots available, so to apply to be a Fellow, indicate your interest using the link below. For any questions about the program, contact sharon@touchstones.org.

[Click here to apply to be a Touchstones Fellow!](#)

Touchstones Online Workshop Schedule for 2026

Open- Enrollment Workshops

Touchstones
workshops for the
new year!



2026 workshops

Online:

- February 7, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm ET
- August 4 (part 1) and 5 (part 2): 4:30-6:00 pm ET each day
- Nov 10 (part 1) and 11(part 2): 4:00-5:30 pm ET each day

In-person:

- November 7 , Baltimore MD: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm



Register on our website:
touchstones.org

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