



## LOCAL LISTENERS

### Local Listeners Program FAQ

#### What is the purpose of Local Listeners?

- Local Listeners is a seven-week virtual training series that prepares volunteers to become trusted, community-rooted organizers. Throughout the series, you will learn how to have effective conversations with friends, family, neighbors, and online communities. This will involve sessions focused on topics such as active listening and event organizing. At the end of the series, our hope is that you will take the skills that you learned and apply them to your own community.

#### Who is the program for?

- Anyone who is passionate about organizing, civic engagement, or supporting their community is welcome to join! Participants will learn how to have meaningful, values-based conversations, meet people where they are, and show up for their communities with empathy and clarity.

#### How can I meet other Local Listeners?

- You can join other Local Listeners in Slack! Members will have the chance to meet other Local Listeners, discuss weekly sessions, and be part of a larger community. Join here: <https://win.dnc.org/LocalListenersSlack>
- Learn more about Slack here: <https://slack.com/help/articles/360059928654-How-to-use-Slack--your-quick-start-guide>
- If you continue to have issues accessing Slack, please email us at [digitalorganizing@dnc.org](mailto:digitalorganizing@dnc.org)

#### Where will it be hosted?

- The Local Listeners Program will be held online via Zoom webinar. Once you sign up for a session, you will receive the link in the confirmation email.

### **When will it be hosted?**

- The Local Listeners Program started on Wednesday, January 21, at 8 p.m. ET / 5 p.m. PT, and recurs on Wednesdays. The last session will be hosted on Wednesday, March 4, at 8 p.m. ET / 5 p.m. PT. Each session will be about one hour long and will take place online on a Zoom webinar.

### **I can't make it to every session. Can I still sign up?**

- Yes, you should still sign up! While we would love for you to join every session, we know it's not always possible. We will have ways to stay connected outside of the Zoom sessions.
- If you can't make it, recorded sessions will be available through the DNC Victory Vault: [https://ak democrats.org/signup/victory\\_vault/](https://ak democrats.org/signup/victory_vault/)

### **How long will sessions be?**

- Each week, sessions will last approximately one hour.
- If you can't stay for the entire time, recorded sessions will be available through the DNC Victory Vault: [https://ak democrats.org/signup/victory\\_vault/](https://ak democrats.org/signup/victory_vault/)

### **Will this be recorded?**

- Yes, sessions will be recorded and available through the DNC Victory Vault: [https://ak democrats.org/signup/victory\\_vault/](https://ak democrats.org/signup/victory_vault/)
- The Victory Vault is a free resource where we will be uploading the recordings of each week's sessions. We ask that folks tell us about themselves to help us keep this resource a safe and secure training environment for Democrats. If any of the questions asked do not apply to you, please write "N/A" in the response box. We will be processing sign ups throughout the training program. Once you've been approved for the Victory Vault, you'll receive instructions on how to access the Google Drive via email.
- The Training Team has received many sign ups from folks over the last week! We are so glad to have a ton of interest in this resource. The Training Team is working to process sign ups quickly, but we appreciate your patience as we work to approve people.
- Please email the DNC National Training Team at [training@dnc.org](mailto:training@dnc.org) with any questions or concerns about signing up for the Victory Vault.

### **What happens at the end of the program?**

- The last session of the program will cover how to apply the skills we've learned from the program. We'll discuss organizing jobs and other available volunteer opportunities. After the program ends, we will send out certificates of completion!

### **What are other ways to be involved with the DNC?**

- Alongside the bootcamp, we are launching Local Listeners Phone Banks. The goal is to have meaningful, listening-first conversations with voters in important districts, centering active listening and strong feedback loops. From this programming, we hope to better understand the emotions and experiences of voters in these key districts. You can sign up for a phone bank here: [democrats.org/phone-bank](https://democrats.org/phone-bank)
- For more opportunities to be involved, visit our Take Action page: [democrats.org/take-action](https://democrats.org/take-action)

### **What will happen to the voter feedback collected from the program?**

- The feedback you submit in the Weekly Conversations Report and Local Listeners Calls is read by our team and shared with DNC leadership and other partner organizations.

If you want to give feedback specifically to your federal elected official, you can call them via the Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121, where an operator will connect you to your elected official's office.

### **I know someone who is interested in Local Listeners, can they still join?**

- We'd love to have more people join! Please send along the following sign-up form: <https://win.dnc.org/LocalListeners>
- For access to previous session recordings, please sign up through the DNC Victory Vault: [https://ak.democrats.org/signup/victory\\_vault/](https://ak.democrats.org/signup/victory_vault/)

### **I have more questions. Who can I ask?**

- If you have any additional questions, you can email us at [digitalorganizing@dnc.org](mailto:digitalorganizing@dnc.org).