

The Livingston Diversity Council is partnering with [The Civility Project](#) to host a community conversation and workshop on civility from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 16.

From their website, civility is defined as “formal politeness and courtesy in behavior or speech.” It’s the process of treating another person, regardless of their opinions, perspectives, or political leanings with respect and kindness. It’s about listening to another viewpoint, and even if you don’t agree with it, searching for the humanity behind a perspective or stance.

A 2019 Pew Research survey found that 68% of respondents wanted elected officials to “maintain a tone of civility and respect in politics.” Polls reveal that a majority of Americans consider incivility a big problem, which they worry will lead to increased violence. The Civility Project seeks to help Americans build civility — in workplaces, in political spheres, and in any societal gathering of people from different origins and perspectives. To do that, we must adopt basic principles in our interactions with others.

In this virtual workshop, Nolan Finley and Stephen Henderson will lead a 90—minute virtual discussion of the importance of civility in these divided times. Participants will engage in two, small—group breakout sessions to discuss how they came to their beliefs and what prior experiences inform their politics. The program will include a deep dive into what civility is, how to build it in personal and professional relationships, and why civility is so important to ensure the future of our democracy.

[Click here to register.](#)

The Civility Project was created by renowned journalists Nolan Finley and Stephen Henderson, colleagues and friends who have spirited debates and hold opposing views on pretty much everything!