

Community Conversations

Presented by the **Noblesville Diversity Coalition**



A Community Conversation is a collaborative effort that provides the chance for our community to gather to listen and learn from one another. Through conversations, we can take steps to increase our understanding, build connections with others, and bridge the divides that separate us. The goal is civil conversations, increased understanding, and widening our perspectives.

Let's work together to foster better ways to talk with one another.



What to Expect

Gather and enjoy light refreshments and socialize

Be welcomed by a representative from NDC who will frame the evening

After introduction and instructions, community members will move to a randomly assigned table.

Before the conversation begins, we will review and ask all community members to commit to listening and sharing based on conversation guidelines

Each table will engage in a 60-minute conversation guided by a trained Community Conversation Table Host

The trained Host will help guide pace and participation, ensuring equal opportunity for sharing and listening

The evening will come to a close with a brief large group reflection time allowing anyone to share insights and highlights from the discussion

·A short survey will be administered to collect participant feedback for future Community Conversations

Next Opportunity for Community Conversation

Wednesday, August 31 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The Mustard Seed Gardens
77 Metsker Lane * Noblesville
Light Refreshments Provided



Community Conversation Guidelines

I promise to...

Be Curious. I will listen with a desire to understand and learn more about other's lives and perspectives.

Be Open. I will question my assumptions and suspend judgment so I can hear different perspectives.

Be Uncomfortable. I am willing to feel uncomfortable as I encounter people with different backgrounds, cultures, and values.

Be Respectful. I will engage by valuing and honoring other's viewpoints and experiences. I will treat everyone with dignity and kindness.



FAQ



What is a Community Conversation?

Community Conversation is a collaborative effort to encourage more conversations in our personal and community lives. Through conversations and the relationships they build, we take steps to bridge the divides that so many of us are feeling. Community Conversations is a chance for our community to listen to and talk with each other. The goal is civil conversations, increased understanding, and widening our perspectives.

Through respectful and meaningful conversations, we can learn to see and hear each other. Together, we can grow in our understanding, build connections, and bridge the divide that separates us.

What are the details?

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Who can participate?

Anyone who lives or works in Noblesville, age 16 or above, is invited to the conversation.

Are there materials I need to look at ahead of time?

No preparation is required—just a genuine interest in building connection and understanding through conversation.

Does participating cost anything?

No. The event is free, but registration is required as space is limited. This is free for all participants and only requires you to come ready to engage in a civil conversation.

How do I register?

It is easy to sign up via NDCs website or Facebook page. After you sign up, NDC will send you periodic updates reminding you of the event.

What will we talk about?

We will provide you with a conversation guide to help ensure an enjoyable and constructive conversation. Participants at each table will discuss the same topic and follow the same guide. However, each conversation will be unique as we encourage everyone to add their voice and perspective.

Who will be at my table?

You will randomly be assigned a table in hopes of creating groups that include people with different backgrounds and experiences.

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Are there ground rules for the conversation?

Yes. Everyone is asked to review and agree to conversation guidelines that ensure everyone is heard and valued. You'll also receive a conversation guide to follow along.

What if a participant attacks or belittles others?

Don't forget; those who have chosen to join this event because they care about our community, too – they want to have a good conversation just as much as you do! But in the unlikely event that a participant does not adhere to the conversation guidelines, we have trained hosts at each table to help.

Can I share feedback about the experience?

We love feedback! After the Community Conversation, we ask you to complete a quick survey. We will also help you know how to honor others and share testimonials and social media posts that could inspire others to join a Community Conversation in the future.

Will the conversation be recorded?

No. All table conversations are private. We ask all participants to respect one another and only share their reflections, not others. You may choose to share your own learnings and thoughts during the final portion of the event. This can help inspire others. We may reach out beforehand to some participants, requesting permission to capture photos from your conversations. This is strictly permission-based.

Who are the organizers? Is this a political event?

The event is a sponsored project of the Noblesville Diversity Coalition (NDC), a 501(c)3 nonprofit educational organization. The event aims to raise awareness and increase understanding of information, insight, and ideas from diverse perspectives and experiences in alignment with NDC's mission to create a more welcoming and inclusive community for all.

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