

# CONVERSATION GUIDE



Time	Structure	Style/Tone	Facilitator Instructions
5 min	<b>Welcome &amp; Overview</b>	Warm Friendly Gracious	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank participants for joining the dialogue.</li> <li>• Explain briefly how Conversation Corps works.</li> <li>• Clarify your role as host.</li> <li>• Introduce the conversation agreements.</li> <li>• Describe how the conversation is structured.</li> </ul>
15 min	<p><b>Share</b> - Participants introduce themselves and share about the thoughts they brought with them.</p> <p>Participants share one at a time, uninterrupted.</p>	Reflective Thoughtful Personal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask each participant to introduce themselves and share briefly about why this topic is important to them.</li> <li>• Guide participants to speak about their personal experiences.</li> </ul> <p>Suggested Prompt: <i>Why is this topic important to you? Share about a personal experience that has led you to the thoughts and opinions you brought with you today.</i></p>
15 min	<p><b>Respond</b> – Participants share ideas in response to the questions posed in the Topic Guide.</p> <p>Participants respond one at a time, uninterrupted.</p>	Creative Forward-thinking Problem-solving Community-minded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share the questions posed in the Topic Guide.</li> <li>• Ask each participant to share the initial thoughts the questions have spurred for them.</li> <li>• Encourage a positive, problem-solving mindset, while also empathizing with the emotions that are coming up for others.</li> </ul> <p>Suggested Prompt: <i>What thoughts and ideas do these questions surface for you?</i></p>
20 min	<p><b>Connect</b> – Group members interact in open dialogue, reacting to one another’s comments and asking questions.</p>	Respectful Curious Supportive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transition from individual sharing to open dialogue</li> <li>• Encourage curiosity</li> </ul> <p>Suggested Prompt: <i>After hearing the thoughts of everyone else here today, what else has come up for you? What questions do you have for each other?</i></p>
5 min	<p><b>Summarize</b> – Group decides on high level themes that summarize the conversation</p>	Purposeful Collaborative Big picture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guide the group through identifying themes that came out of the conversation.</li> <li>• Consensus is not the goal, only agreement about what the high level themes are.</li> </ul> <p>Suggested Prompt: <i>Let’s work together to decide on 3-5 themes from this conversation that we’d like to pass along.</i></p>