AGENDA

Brief Overview and Introduction

- **►** Experience Conversation Café
- ► Q&A
- ▶ What next? Exploring Possibilities
- Closing Round



POLL: Your Experience with Hosting

- 1. I have hosted a CC
- 2. I have attended a CC
- 3. This is my first time!



CC ORIGIN STORY





WHY CONVERSATION CAFES?





DESCRIBING CONVERSATION CAFES

Tired of small talk?
Try some BIG talk!

Conversation Cafés aren't lectures, but you'll learn a lot from the people who come.

CCs are...

No committees will be formed!

- Drop-in
- Public
- Simple

Think Globally. Talk Locally.



HOSTING VS FACILITATING





CREATE THE SPACE



- 1. Convener
- 2. Welcomer
- 3. Holder for Safety



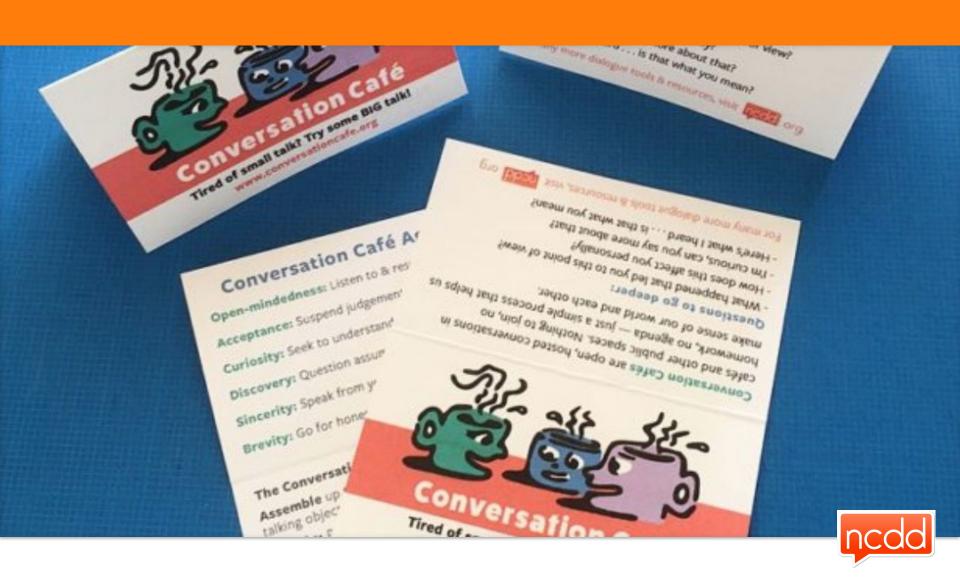
DEEPEN THE CONVERSATION



- 1. Inviter
- 2. Weaver
- 3. Devil's Advocate
- 4. NOT a "Herder"



AGREEMENTS



TALKING OBJECT





THE PROCESS

The Conversation Café Process (60-90 min. session):

Assemble up to 8 people plus host, hearty topic, and a talking object. Host explains process and agreements.

Round 1: Pass around the talking object; each person speaks briefly on the topic, no feedback or response.

Round 2: Again with talking object, each person deepens their own comments or speaks to what has meaning now.

Dialogue: Open, spirited conversation. Use talking object if there is domination, contention, or lack of focus.

Final Round: With talking object, each person says briefly what challenged, touched, or inspired them.

