

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...

- Drop-in
- Public
- Simple

No committees will be formed!

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.