



CENTER FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

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Center for Civic Engagement Vision Statement

“to create a more just and equitable world cultivated through the participation of all people in the co-creation of knowledge and collective action.”

Center for Civic Engagement programs include:

- Single Days of Service
- Alternative Breaks
- Films, Speakers and Trainings
- Deliberative Dialogues
- Voter Engagement
- Civic Engagement & Responsibility Minor

What are Deliberative Dialogues?

A **structured discussion** method where diverse groups **explore complex issues**, moving **beyond debate** to **foster understanding**, shared values, and common ground by **examining various approaches**, their costs, and consequences. Using **Issue Guides** and **trained moderators**, participants share personal stakes in the issue, challenge assumptions, and reflect on new perspectives to find **potential solutions**.

How did we make this guide and why discuss housing?

- National Issues Forum Institute
 - Provides structure and tips for writing quality guides
- A visible need in our community; a concern among our students
- A desire to discuss localized issues and make direct impact
 - Guides are intended to be starting points for grassroots action

Learning Outcomes

As a result of participating, you should be able to....

- Examine the complexity of a community or social issue
- Examine perspectives and ideas to explore what is, can, or could be
- Recognize new and different perspectives in relation to your own
- Respond positively to the presence and perspectives of others (build empathy)
- Articulate the need for appropriate tone and message when exchanging ideas
- Respond to others' words by incorporating them into the dialogue (listen to understand)
- Evaluate options to select the best method to advance/solve an issue

The Steps of a Deliberative Dialogue

Ground rules

Personal stake

Deliberating each of the 3 Options

Group decision sharing and reflection

Large group discussion and reflection

Ground Rules

1

Listen to
understand
(not respond)

2

Don't make
assumptions,
Ask Questions

3

Use "I"
Statements

4

Avoid
Generalizations

5

Include
Everyone

6

Show Care +
Disagree
Respectfully

7

Keep an open
mind,
consider all
options

Post-Dialogue Assessment Please Scan and Complete



**Please write Housing Action IL in the Class/Group/Event Box
Your Facilitators were Paige, Caitlin or Kyra**



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