

Civil Dialogue in the Public Arena

Description: During this workshop, participants will have the opportunity to explore the important practices of civil dialogue that can help shape conversations on difficult issues into productive exchanges. This hands-on workshop will introduce participants to the basics of civil dialogue convening, facilitation, and moving to action. Participants will have the opportunity to experience and practice some of the processes and skills needed to help lead effective dialogues. Specifically, participants will:

- Examine how civil dialogue efforts fit within the Cooperative Extension Service mission and the important work of community capacity building
- Explore methods for naming and framing issues of local importance
- Discover processes to help foster engagement from a diverse group
- Participate in a miniature dialogue process
- Practice facilitation skills guided by an experienced coach

Wednesday, April 11, 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.

- 2:30 Welcome and Introductions
- 3:15 What Is Dialogue and How Does It Fits with Cooperative Extension Service?
- 3:35 Break
- 3:50 A Continuum of Engagement – One Size Does Not Fit All
- 4:20 Naming & Framing Community Issues
- 5:00 Principles of Organizing Dialogues
- 5:20 Debrief and Instructions for Tomorrow
- 5:30 Adjourn

Thursday, April 12, 7:30 - 11:15 a.m.

- 7:30 Warm Up
- 8:00 Setting the Stage for the Dialogue Experience
- 8:30 Dialogue Round One
- 9:00 Dialogue Round Two
- 9:30 Break
- 9:45 Dialogue Round Three
- 10:15 Synthesizing the Dialogue
- 10:30 Debrief the Dialogue Experience
- 10:50 Next Steps and Evaluations
- 11:15 Adjourn

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