



Community Conversation Guide

Community Conversations are a great way to bring your volunteers, friends and family together in order to learn and reflect on critical topics important to the MLK Day of Service. Here are some tips on how to create an effective conversation virtually:

- (1) **Identify** a topic that is close to your organizational mission, Martin Luther King Day and/or racial and social justice.
- (2) **Consider** how many people you are willing to have on the call.
 - (a) Do you want this conversation to be for specific people, ie. Religious Congregants?
 - (b) Do you want the conversation to be open to the public?
- (3) **Seek** different platforms you can use to hold this conversation?
 - (a) Zoom? Google Meet? Microsoft Teams? Etc.
- (4) **List** speakers you would like to have on the day of the event.
- (5) **Sign Up** your conversation on volunteer.globalcitizen365.org
- (6) **Reach Out** to your contacts and have them sign up on our site to come to the conversation!

Optional: Prior to the event, send out supplemental readings, videos, movies, podcasts, music to facilitate the conversation. A great way to do this is to consult with your speakers to ensure everyone is on the same page about the topic.

Fill Out This Form as A Guide

Topic: _____

Coordinator: _____

Organization Name: _____

Participant Count: _____

Platform: _____

Potential Speakers: _____

** Please remember your audience and accessibility issues, provide instructions on how to access the supplemental material

Reach Out to [Iliana Odette Harris](#) or [Spencer Shore](#) with questions!

Race, Class, and Power Edition

- Why is civic engagement important?
- Has a family member or peer said something you disagreed with about race? How did you respond?
- How do you feel about ‘cancel culture’ in regards to race/racism? How does it help progression? How does it hurt progression?
- On a scale of 1 - 10, how aware are you of our nation’s history with slavery and systemic racism? What action item could you do to raise your awareness by 1 point?
- When was the last time you had a shift in perspective regarding race/racism? How did that shift occur for you?
- What did you learn about race growing up? Did your guardians/family discuss it directly or indirectly?
- What was your first memory when you realized race existed?
- What do you feel when you hear “Black Lives Matter”, “All Lives Matter”?
- What has been your personal experience with police? When you interacted with them did you feel safe?
- How do you define privilege? Based on that definition, articulate what privileges you have?
- How can you turn your privilege into positive change with your voice and resources?
- What does justice look like to you?
- What are the steps we can take to achieve it?
- How did the events of 2020 make you feel?
- How have the events of 2020 changed your perception on life?
- What does a better future look like?
- What change can new leadership bring?
- What do you hope future generations understand about race/racism? What is your role in helping them understand?