

Models for Dialogue & Deliberation

Model/Process	Example	Type of Engagement	Description
Conversation Café	At the Table Colorado	Exploration Conflict Transformation	Hosted conversations which are usually held in a public setting like a coffee shop or bookstore, where anyone is welcome to join. A simple format helps people feel at ease and gives everyone who wants to a chance to speak.
Community Conversation	Harwood Institute	Exploration Collaborative Action	A type of appreciative inquiry, a change method that encourages stakeholders to explore the best of the past and present in their organizations and communities. AI involves, in a central way, the art and practice of asking questions that strengthen a system's capacity to apprehend, anticipate, and heighten positive potential.
Deliberative Forums	National Issues Forum	Exploration Decision Making	Offers citizens the opportunity to join together to deliberate, to make choices with others about ways to approach difficult issues and to work toward creating reasoned public judgment. NIF is known for its careful issue framing and quality issue guides which outline 3 or 4 different viewpoints.
Study Circles	Everyday Democracy	Exploration Decision Making Collaborative Action	Enables communities to strengthen their own ability to solve problems by bringing large numbers of people together in dialogue across divides of race, income, age, and political viewpoints. Study Circles combine dialogue, deliberation, and community organizing techniques, enabling public talk to build understanding, explore a range of solutions, and serve as a catalyst for social, political, and policy change.
21st Century Town Meeting	AmericaSpeaks	Decision Making	Enable the general public to give those in leadership positions direct, substantive feedback on key issues. Each meeting engages hundreds or thousands of general interest citizens at a time, utilizing innovative technology to effectively and quickly summarize citizen input.

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