
CONVERSATION AGREEMENTS FOR EVENTS

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR ALL INTERACTIONS

- **“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you”.**
- **Employ empathy and respect.**

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- **Be curious and open to learning.** Conversation is as much about listening as it is about talking. Enjoy hearing all points of view. Maintain an attitude of exploration.
- **Show respect and suspend judgment.** Human beings tend to judge one another; do your best not to. Setting judgments aside opens you up to learning from others and makes them feel respected and appreciated.
- **Find common ground and note differences.** Look for a common ground you can agree on and take an interest in the differing beliefs and opinions of others.
- **Be authentic and welcome that from others.** Share what's important to you. Speak authentically from your personal experience. Be considerate of others who are doing the same.
- **Be purposeful and to the point.** Notice if what you are conveying is or is not pertinent to the topic at hand.
- **Own and guide the conversation.** Take responsibility for the quality of your participation and that of the conversation. Be proactive in getting yourself and others back on track if needed.
- **You are entitled to your own opinion, not your own facts.** There is an objective standard for facts that relies on demonstrable, provable evidence. “Fake news” and hearsay do not meet this standard.



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