

# When Dialogue?

## Topics and Occasions that Call for Dialogue

### Exploring a Concept, Theory, or Method

Is there a particular idea, school of thought, skill, or methodology that you would like to introduce to others, understand better yourself, and/or practice?

EXAMPLES: Black feminism. Crip time. Democracy. Inclusive freedom. Hostile architecture. Anti-racist pedagogy. Descriptive grammar. Creationism. Deep listening. Universal design. (etc)

### Unpacking a Social Issue or Movement

Is there a social issue of pressing concern to you that you would like to think through, whether intellectually, personally, or politically? (Scale can be local, national, global.)

EXAMPLES: Gun violence. LGBTQIA+ rights. Climate change. White nationalism. Cancel culture. Income inequality. Indigenous sovereignty. #MeToo. Gerrymandering. Doping. (etc)

### Processing a Media or Cultural Event

Has a specific event happened recently that you feel needs to be addressed, or is there a holiday or event going on that you'd like to create conversation around?

EXAMPLES: The Buffalo shooting. Dobbs v. Jackson. The 20th anniversary of 9/11. Floods in Pakistan. Elections in Chile. UC Townhomes protest. AAPI History Month. Juneteenth. Pride. (etc)

### Engaging with a Work or Person of Interest

Is there an artist, scholar, activist, professional, politician, or community member OR a text, artwork, monument, or archival artifact that you'd like to dialogue with or about?

EXAMPLES: Loretta Ross. *Borderlands/La Frontera* by Gloria Anzaldúa. The U.S. Constitution. The short stories of Jhumpa Lahiri. The Dead Sea Scrolls. Jeff Bezos. The music of Blackpink. (etc)

### Connecting to Self, Other, Place, or the Past

Would you like to create space for people to engage with self-reflection; intergroup exchange; place-based features/resources; or family/community/cultural histories?

EXAMPLES: A "Where I'm From" poetry workshop. An interfaith dialogue. A critique of campus mental health resources. A nature retreat. A circle of community elders. A family colloquium. (etc)