Cards for Community

Instructions

Getting Started

1. The dealer should read the Guidelines card out loud to the other players.
2. Shuffle the green Question cards and place them face down in a pile in the middle of the table. Turn over the top card. This is the conversation starter for this round.
3. Shuffle the purple Conversation and orange Action cards together and deal all the cards out to the group.

Playing the Game

1. The person with the 'My Perspective is . . .' Conversation card goes first.
2. Once the 'My Perspective is . . .' card has been played, you can play the Conversation cards in any order.
3. Using the prompts on the Conversation cards, discuss the question as a group. Each person will place one Conversation card at a time in the middle of the table and share their thoughts based on the card prompt. Let the conversation flow as naturally as possible, and use the Conversation cards to bring new ideas or perspectives into the group discussion. Make sure everyone has a turn.
4. Once all of the Conversation cards have been played move on to the Action cards.

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Action Cards

1. Play one Action card at a time, the order doesn't matter. Discuss the card as a group and record the action ideas on the Community Actions page to share with the Community Plan team.
2. After all of the Conversation and Action cards have been played, the first round of conversation is over. We recommend at least three rounds of conversation for a full game.
3. To start another round of conversation, shuffle the Conversation and Action cards and deal them out again. Flip over another Question card and repeat the steps above.
4. When the group has finished the game, give everyone a 'Now what?' card to take home and send the Community Actions page to the Community Plan contact on the card.
5. For a shorter Quick Play version of the game just have one Question card conversation.

This game is adapted from the Vital Conversations Card Game, developed by the Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough in collaboration with the Atkinson Foundation.

Accessible formats available by calling
519-822-1260 extension 3356 or
TTY 519-826-9771.

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Guidelines

It's OK
There are no wrong answers. Contribute to the conversation from your knowledge and lived experience and be receptive to others' points of view.

Listen.
Try to understand the true meaning of what's being said, and listen at least as much as you speak.

Speak.
Say what you think, ask hard questions, disagree and debate.

Question

Guelph's population has grown eight per cent since 2011. A large part of our growth is due to people moving here from other places in Canada and the world.

Do you think Guelph is a welcoming community for people who come from away?

How might our community change as more people move here from other places?

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Question

Eighty-eight per cent of Guelph residents say they have a strong sense of belonging to Guelph.

Do you feel like you "belong" in our community?

What leads to a sense of belonging?

How might our community foster a stronger sense of belonging so that everyone feels included?

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Question

Guelph is situated on treaty land that is steeped in rich indigenous history and home to many First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples today.

How can we gain knowledge and understanding of our true indigenous history to begin to repair our relationship with First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples?

What relationship exists with the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation of the Anishinaabek, the land and the water?

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Question

Guelph's current population is 131,794 and is expected to reach 175,000 by 2031 and 191,000 by 2041.

What changes do you see happening as more people choose Guelph for their home?

How might these changes affect you, your family, friends and neighbourhood?

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Question

People often say we need more jobs. One growing area for employment in Guelph is service sector jobs like cashiers, hairstylists and food and beverage servers.

What might an increase in service sector jobs mean for our community?

What does meaningful employment look like in our community?

Question

Eleven per cent of people in Guelph live in poverty.

What does a decent quality of life look like in our community?

When people can't meet their basic needs how might it affect the community?

Question

From 2012–2014, 17 per cent of households in Guelph faced some level of food insecurity (from worrying about running out of food to skipping meals).

How might everyone have access to nutritious food?

Question

Guelph is known for being a "green community."

What makes this community "green"?

How might we continue to respect the air, water and land in our community?

Question

In 2017, 90 per cent of Ontarians agreed with the statement "An active local arts scene helps make a community a better place to live."

What does arts and culture mean to you?

How might we encourage arts and culture in our community?

Question

We're a generous and caring community, with higher than average levels of volunteerism and charitable giving.

What are some of the other things that make this community a unique and great place?

When have you been truly proud to be a part of this community?

Conversation

I wonder why…?

How did things get this way in our community?

Conversation

Other voices

What other perspectives exist on this topic in our community?

Conversation

Devil's Advocate

For the sake of debate, share an opposite or argumentative point of view.

Conversation

I'd like to know…

What information or perspectives are missing from this conversation?

What do you wish you knew about this topic?

Conversation

Play this card first.

My perspective is…

What do you think about this topic?

Conversation

Complicate things

Ask a hard question about this topic.

Conversation

What makes you say that?

Can you explain how you got to your perspective or idea?

Conversation

Re-frame

What would it look like if you flipped this topic or conversation on its head?

Conversation

What's changed?

What changes have you seen in our community around this topic in the past 10 years?

Conversation

Who's responsible?

Whose role is it to deal with this topic?

Action

What do we have to work with?

What strengths or advantages do we have in our community that will help with this topic?

Action

Biggest impact

What is one thing we could change that would make a big difference to this topic?

Action

Couldn't we at least…?

What small steps can we take to make positive change on this topic?

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Action

What can we do?

What role can people like us play in taking action on this topic?

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Now what?

Visit
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- Share your action ideas
- Get updates on the community plan
- Keep the conversation going
- Connect with a network of community builders

Share your questions, ideas, photos and actions:
makeyourmark@guelph.ca
#makeyourmark

Action idea: _____

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Community Actions page

Thanks for playing Cards for Community.

Record the action ideas from your conversation and send them to **makeyourmark@guelph.ca** or **#makeyourmark.**