

""Twitter handle (and profile name): ConvoCafe (Conversation Cafe)

**Twitter description:** Conversation Caf s are open, hosted conversations- a simple process that helps to shift us from small talk to BIG talk, conversations that matter  
#ConvoCafe

**Description of the organization from a third party source:** "A Conversation Cafe is a one-and-a-half hour hosted conversation, held in a public setting like a caf e, where anyone is welcome to join. A simple format helps people feel at ease and gives everyone who wants it a chance to speak, or it is also fine for people to simply listen. We provide all of the materials on this site free of charge for your use to help you host exciting and successful conversations."

**Scraped text from their home page of their website:** Titles: Conversation Cafe | Conversations that Matter!

**Headings:** Conversation Cafe; Host a Cafe; History of the Project; The Complete Hosting Manual; How to Host a Conversation Cafe; Principles for Conversation Cafes; In 2001, three Seattle friends ran an experiment...; News & Updates; Resources for Hosting Online Cafes in the Time of Pandemic; New Conversation Cafe Cheat Sheet for Online Dialogues; NCDD Podcast Episode 2 about Conversation Cafe; Recent Cafes; Iraqi Students Visit Richmond; Death as a Dinner Party Topic; The Architecture of "IEG"; New to Conversation Cafe?

**Paragraphs:** Hosting is simple-like breathing is simple. It can be as minimal as showing up, introducing the process and keeping time. Yet the practice of hosting can be very profound. It is a dynamic, honest, humble process of staying present to your own reality while drinking in the reality of everyone else at the table.; This collection of videos hosted by Conversation Cafe founders, Vicki Robins and Susan Partnow, provide an overview of the essence of our dialogue process. Watching these videos will provide you with an in-depth understanding of the Conversation Cafe method.; Conversation Cafes were designed as a gift to the world. The hope was that this method and conversations using the CC method would spread "with integrity and fidelity"-stay both true to form, yet give hosts the maximum freedom to adapt it to their situation.; Susan Partnow, Habib Rose & Vicki Robin believed that spontaneous dialogue would serve democracy, critical thinking & neighborliness. So each sat in a different cafe once a week & invited whoever was there to dialogue about things that really mattered.; From the Conversation Cafe Community...; Posted by Sandy Heierbacher on Apr 7, 2020; We are living in a unique moment. Conversation Cafe can be a useful process to building connection and collective wisdom in a time of social distancing. To help facilitate this, we have created several resources to assist those who would like to utilize Conversation...; Posted by Sandy Heierbacher on Apr 7, 2020; We all love using Conversation Cafe's famous "wallet cards" for face-to-face discussions, but they're not so

easy to use for online conversations. We've adapted the cards to this screen version you can send to participants or share on...; Posted by Keiva Hummel on Mar 31, 2017; Via the NCDD blog: NCDD's second podcast episode is now live on SoundCloud, iTunes, and Google Play! It features the story of Conversation Cafe as told by three stewards of this process: co-creator Susan Partnow, past steward Jacquelyn Pogue, and NCDD Resource Curator...; Check out what's happening in the community!; Jun 23, 2015; May 26, 2015; May 19, 2015; Here's where you'll want to start...; Conversation Cafes are open, hosted conversations in cafes as well as conferences and classrooms-anywhere people gather to make sense of our world. At a Conversation Cafe there is nothing to join, no homework, no agenda, just a simple process that helps to shift us from small talk to BIG talk, conversations that matter.; Hosts are key to successful Conversation Cafes and we are here to make hosting easy, rewarding, and fun for you.; Just starting out? Get oriented! You can learn the basics by watching the video, or reading the hosting manual.; Ready to host and need some resources? You can download everything you need, find stimulating questions, and learn to frame questions powerfully. We have suggestions to help you promote your Conversation Cafe. Variations and Applications: Discover ways to adapt to shorter times or larger groups, as well as blending with a World Cafe design. Consider ways to bring Conversation Cafe to your workplace, organization, event, conference or community.; Curious what hosting is all about? Read on!; Designed by Elegant Themes | Powered by WordPress

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**Paragraphs:** From Vicki Robin & Jacquelyn Pogue; History of Conversation Cafe; By Vicki Robin, Co-Founder of Conversation Cafe; In the summer of 2001, three Seattle friends, Susan Partnow, Habib Rose and Vicki Robin, ran an experiment. They believed that more spontaneous and drop-in public dialogue would serve democracy, critical thinking and neighborliness. So each sat in a different cafe once a week and invited whoever was there, plus friends, to dialogue about things that really mattered. Thus the Conversation Cafe Method was born. At the end of the summer they met to plan an outreach method so that in-depth conversations would take place more often in Seattle. That was September 10, 2001. The next day made it clear that Conversation Cafes could help diverse people process 9/11.; From there, Conversation Cafes spread throughout Seattle then on to Toronto, St. Louis,

Tucson and ultimately to seventy cities in the US, Canada and Europe. As co-directors, Susan and Vicki built a team to help with spreading the method and serving the growing network. New Road Map Foundation generously funded the project from inception to the present, with the Foundation for Global Community and Bob and Jacquelyn Pogue's foundation adding considerable funds.; They invented "Conversation Week" - a week each year when all Conversation Cafes considered the same topic, and through sharing the wisdom of each group, sought a global sense of what "we the people" were feeling and thinking about the important questions of our times. They applied the Conversation Cafe method to the "red-blue divide" in the US through Let's Talk America. Together with other Conversation Cafe hosts they brought Conversation Cafes to the Bioneers Conference four years in a row, to half a dozen Green Festivals in cities across the US, to the British Parliament, to PBS and to conferences and meetings too numerous to name.; Eight years after they began, Susan and Vicki recognized they'd done all they could and that the Conversation Cafes needed a new home. When they proposed this idea to Jacquelyn Pogue, perhaps the most dedicated and creative Conversation Cafe host ever, she welcomed the opportunity to continue support of the Conversation Cafe model. She also wanted to build on it by integrating her own methods for deepening the dialogue and offering opportunities for community action, which she and her team were already doing in Richmond, Virginia.; With an alignment of their vision, Vicki and Susan transferred the project to Bob and Jacquelyn Pogue, and they are now the stewards of the Conversation Cafe website such that it may continue to serve the future expansion of the Conversation Cafe method and support the Conversation Cafe hosts. Through Richmond Action Dialogues, the Pogues invite other communities to create their own community action dialogues, and to give voice to the evolution of dialogue in its many forms.; ; Transition and Alignment of Conversation Cafe with Richmond Action Dialogues; By Jacquelyn Pogue, Director of Richmond Action Dialogues; When Bob and Jacquelyn Pogue were offered the stewardship of Conversation Cafe by Vicki Robin and Susan Partnow at the end of 2009, they welcomed both the opportunity and challenge. They pledged their support of the Conversation Cafe initiative to promote community, democracy and wisdom through open, respectful public conversations. Jacquelyn's interest in dialogue began in 1984 in London through David Bohm. Bob began his training in 1998 with Harrison Owen of Open Space. In 2004 they were the founders of the Richmond Dialogue Group of Virginia, now Richmond Action Dialogues. Since then they have facilitated community dialogue groups utilizing slam poets, television series, lectures, sermons, university courses and documentary films. Jacquelyn continues to lead training programs and presentations for conferences.; We at Richmond Action Dialogues, view Conversation Cafe as a foundation for work in Deepening the Dialogue and Action Dialogues. Although our dialogue methods differ slightly, require more skilled facilitation training, and we invite participants to consider taking action on some dialogue topics, our basic principles are closely aligned with Conversation Cafe. We are committed to preserving the purity of the Conversation Cafe model through the website and training. We are grateful to Vicki Robin and Susan Partnow for holding the founding vision and delivering on the mission of Conversation Cafe.; With its simple but powerful structure, the Conversation Cafe model works.; What underlies its success?; The Circle-Sitting equally in the circle together, there is

a sense of community gathering around a center. In this center is a space for the group's thoughts, feelings, insights and threads of meaning to weave together in a new conversational tapestry of co-creation.;

**Introductions**-When people introduce themselves very briefly with their name and why they are participating, it allows for an authenticity that is free of ego. There is no need for titles, labels, life roles, or other pseudo-identities to start the conversation in a heartfelt way.;

**Agreements**-The agreements are read to provide guidelines, or boundaries, for a civil conversation and deeper listening. Everyone's agreement to follow them establishes a common ground for participation. The host's role is to support the group in following the agreements and create a safe space.;

**Process**-Describing the process provides an overview of where the conversation is going, how it will be, and when it will be over. The actual dialogue is unknown but the ending time and structure are clear.;

**Talking Object**-The talking object arouses curiosity and invites a kinesthetic experience. It can also stimulate deeper speaking and listening. While talking circles have probably been part of many ancient cultures, we must acknowledge that the inspiration for contemporary circles have come from our own Native Americans. While we use what we call a talking object, it is based on the talking stick that the Native Americans used. We do NOT call it a talking stick out of respect for the sacredness that the talking stick represents in their culture. Also, we are known to have a creative bent when it comes to selecting talking objects, e.g. tennis balls, timer cubes, stones, etc. We wish to share this in the spirit of the following quote by Elder William Commanda, Kitigan Zibi, Quebec: "If we cease sharing our knowledge and stories, we forget that which is taught to us (as spiritual, mindful, heart filled bodies; our Beings).";

**Rounds**-The two rounds give opportunities for everyone to participate without the pressure of having to speak since one can pass when the talking object is given to them. People get a sense of how others are relating to the topic without having to reveal a great deal about themselves. A group field of energy connecting each other can form in this process of the two rounds, emphasizing why both rounds are important.;

**Open Dialogue**-In the open dialogue there is no goal of solution, agreement or action to be taken, simply an experience of human sharing and connectedness. The focus is on relating and not on a task. As the conversation is co-created, new meanings, interpretations, implications, understanding, and possibilities emerge. The questions can become more important than the answers.;

**Final Round**-The final round provides a time for reflection and an opportunity to express what was challenging, meaningful, or inspiring for each individual. It also evokes a genuine connection with the group as a whole.;

We are grateful to Vicki Robin and Susan Partnow for holding the founding vision and delivering on the mission of Conversation Cafe. We will carry it forward as servers in this time of transformation. We look forward to working together in unity for the common good of all.;;

;**TIMELINE**;; Summer of 2001: Conversation Cafe born.Ensuing Years: Conversation Cafe spreads to over 70 cities.Summer of 2010: The stewardship of Conversation Cafe is transferred to Community Action Dialogues.Summer of 2015: The stewardship of Conversation Cafe is transferred to the National Coalition for Dialogue & Deliberation.;

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**Summaries of Links:** Based solely on the provided links, it can be inferred that this organization is called Conversation Cafe. It appears to be a non-profit organization that

facilitates dialogue and conversation between people from diverse backgrounds. The organization provides resources and support for hosting conversation cafes, both online and in person. They also have a blog and podcast where they share stories and insights from their events. The organization seems to be focused on promoting cross-cultural understanding and building community through conversation. They have a particular interest in hosting conversations about difficult or controversial topics, such as death and environmental governance. The organization is likely based in Richmond, Virginia, as they have a project called Richmond Action Dialogues."""