

# WELCOME TO



*it is through each other that we  
figure out what we believe*

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1. focus more on the people than the things. Do not spend so much time and effort on decorations, instead focus on creating an atmosphere that welcomes uncomfortable conversations



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2. avoid conformity with impersonal decorations and ordinary, often boring, decorations. These distract from human connection



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3. use pop-up rules to allow people to connect meaningfully without being from the same background and state them on the invite. These pop-up rules set a stage for different people to come together to connect



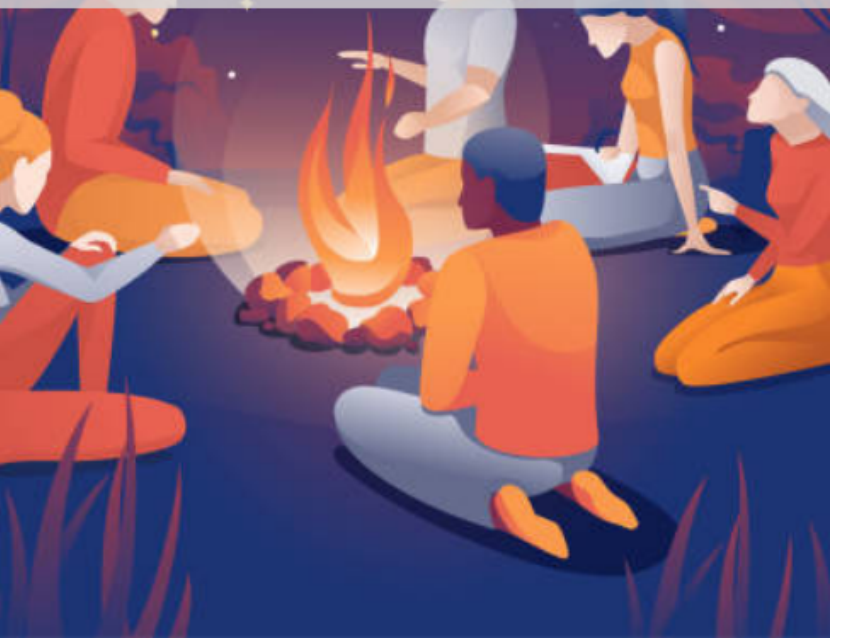
virtually:

in order to keep guests engaged and connected virtually, use pop-up rules such as making sure everyone has their cameras on for a video call



activities:

1. intimate and personal activities to take the place of generic party games. this could include story telling or activities that evoke memories that can lead to deep conversations



activities:

2. ask yourself, what is the purpose of your gathering, and create activities related to the purpose. In order to reach this, try to focus on more intimate, directed and connecting activities rather than leaving connection to chance





# Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What events can be used for transformative gatherings?

A: Any gathering of people, strangers or loved ones, can become a transformative gathering. This includes birthday parties, baby showers, and large organized festivals.

Q: How do I start planning a transformative gathering?

A: See the resource page for advice and directions on starting the planning process.

Q: What is the difference in good controversy and hostility?

A: Good controversy sparks healthy conversations where both parties think deeply about the discussion had, while hostility comes from unhealthy conversations and neither side can move on to consider the discussion afterwards.

## Common Misconceptions

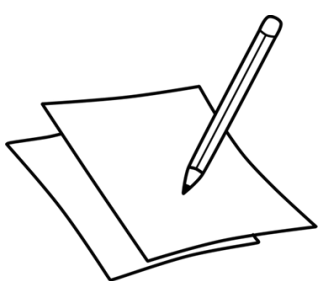
I could never use this with my family.

A family holiday can be organized to foster a transformative gathering as well as any gathering of people. A hostile Christmas dinner could develop into good controversy and eye-opening connections with the practices of a transformative gathering.

This can only happen on a large scale event with strangers. transformative gatherings are meant to be used to upgrade everyday interactions to foster meaningful connections with both strangers and loved ones.



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informational video:  
3 steps to turn everyday get-togethers into  
transformative gatherings: Priya Parker  
<https://bit.ly/3Df17U1>



how to plan event guide:  
How to Design Transformative Experiences for Your  
Attendees: Victoria Rudi  
<https://www.eventtia.com/en/blog/how-to-design-transformative-experiences-for-your-attendees>



large scale example:  
The Big Table: Global Human Project  
<http://www.globalhumanproject.net/the-big-table2.html>



podcast of guidance:  
Together Apart: Priya Parker  
<https://www.nytimes.com/column/together-apart>

# *What are transformative gatherings?*

These are gatherings of individuals to foster quality connections and good controversy.

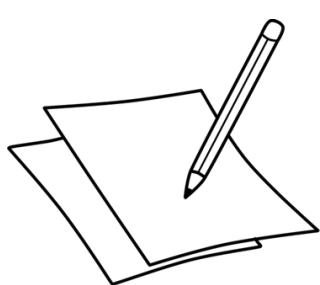
Instead of surface level and ordinary gatherings that leave the social interactions to chance, these transformative gatherings foster an environment to encourage guests to continue the real conversations with them until after the gathering and perhaps lead them to influence change.

## *End the polite small talk*

These are important in order to foster important conversations in everyday life without hostility. This is the embodiment of good controversies. These conversations are needed to encourage guests to create actual change about the issues they take interest in.



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