

Group Dialogue Resources Suggested by Emilee O'Brien

1) You can learn about the model I follow from the University of Michigan Intergroup Dialogue here, <https://igr.umich.edu/about>. This site explains their program, design, and great context on materials you can incorporate into your community spaces, which you will find under their "Research and Publications " page.

2) Everyday Democracy has a huge site bank of mostly free discussion guides that follow the Dialogue Model closely, I hope you can skim through these great pages to find a guide that interests you! <https://www.everyday-democracy.org/resources/guides>

3) My Neighbor's Voice is an organization that started in Greenville, SC. They host dinners that center reflection, listening, and dialogue. This could be a great model for you because it could be in the form of affinity group, dialogue, or an open community gathering. Their website explains their model and they offer starter conversation guides for you to download or purchase. <https://www.myneighborsvoice.org/attend>

4) Speaking Down Barriers is an organization in Greenville, SC that does amazing work in the community. Their offered workshops are sorted by affinity groups for white folks, Black folks, and people of color or open community dialogue spaces. You can explore their offerings here: <http://www.speakdownbarriers.org/communitygatherings.html> and learn more about this great group.

5) This short informative sheet explains the difference between dialogue and debate and includes perspectives needed to begin a dialogue. https://capstone.unst.pdx.edu/sites/default/files/Dialogue%20and%20Debate_0.pdf

I hope these resources provide some helpful context on how to start conversations on race and social justice. Affinity groups, intergroup dialogues, and open community conversations are all useful tools for folks to gather around a common issue or cause. There are informal ways to start this work yourself in your own community as well as formal professionals who offer facilitation and consulting.