

Identifying an Issue of Shared Public Concern

Identify a public issue that matters to you and your community.	Who are the key partners to include in this work?	What method(s) are the best fit for what you're trying to do?

Action Planning and Assessment

The following questions will help your teams developing an action plan to utilize dialogue and deliberation on your campus. Try to address them *as specifically as possible*.

1. **Strategic Goal:** What is/are the strategic goal/s you would like to accomplish?
2. **Igniting Conversations:** How can dialogue/deliberation be helpful in advancing your goal(s)?
3. **Opportunities/Challenges:** What are strategic opportunities for positive change? What are challenges that will need to be overcome?
4. **Naming Issues:** What is an issue that your team would like to address? How do various constituencies on campus/in the community “name” the issue? How might you name the issue to best advance your strategic goal and encourage civil dialogue and collective problem solving?
5. **Framing Questions:** What are questions you have about the issue? How can you frame the questions to invite participation in conversations from multiple perspectives?
6. **Approaches:** Where are there leverage points and opportunities for dialogue? What approach(es) to dialogue/deliberation will you use?
7. **Mapping Stakeholders:** Who are key stakeholders (on campus/in community) that you would like to be part of a leadership team to advance this civic work? Who are key allies? Who might be oppositional? Who are key participants you would like to be part of various forms of dialogue and are needed to solve problems?
8. **Leadership Development:** In what ways do you need to develop leadership for this work to succeed? How might you do this?
9. **Timeline:** What is the timeline for your actions?
10. **Assessment:** What are the goals of assessment, and what are some strategies for assessment? How will you know whether you have achieved what you wanted to achieve with the project?