

Civil Discourse Activities – Offered by LWV Orange Coast (CA)

In order to support the increased use of civil and respectful discussions on issues that matter, the League of Women Voters of Orange Coast offers the following services:

1. **CONVERSATION** practicing civil discourse – on a specific topic
 - Purpose: Provide information and practice on participating in a civil discussion on an issue that matters
 - Time: 2 hours (with or without speaker)
 - Requirements: Minimum of 18 participants; Maximum – depends on capacity of room; round tables for 6-8 people
 - Materials: Promotional Flyer Template, Participant Handout, Discussion Guidelines, Evaluation Form
 - Provided: 1 Moderator and a Trained Facilitator for each table; Optional: a speaker on the selected topic
 - Cost: \$Printing of attendee materials (or sponsor may print the materials)
 - Potential Topics:
 - Talking Across the Partisan Divide
 - Dealing with Fake News
 - Protecting the Rights of Voters
 - Addressing Homelessness in our Community
 - Other – as requested

2. **TALK/PRESENTATION** on the importance of civil discourse and how to support it
 - Purpose: To build awareness of the characteristics of civil discourse and promote ways to support it
 - Encourage participation in CD Conversations (#1)
 - Encourage use of CD Rules in public meetings
 - Solicit public organizations that would like a CD Observation of a meeting (#4)
 - Time: 1 hour (including questions)
 - Requirements: Microphone, computer projector with PowerPoint
 - Materials: Handout/brochure for attendees
 - Provided: Speaker
 - Cost: Free

3. **TRAINING** on how to facilitate civil and respectful conversations on issues that matter
 - Purpose: Provide the skills and knowledge (and materials) to facilitate a civil group discussion on an issue that matters
 - Time: 2 -3 hours (depends on size of group)
 - Requirements: Minimum of 18 participants; round tables for 6-8 people
 - Materials: Promotional Flyer Template, Facilitator Guidebook for Participants, Agenda, Discussion Questions, Evaluation Form
 - Provided: 1 Trainer
 - Cost: \$Printing of participant materials (or sponsor may print the materials)

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4. **OBSERVATIONS** of public meetings to evaluate the use of civil discourse
- Purpose:
 1. To identify and recognize organizations that hold civil meetings
 2. To identify organizations that would benefit from support/education in order to hold more civil meetings
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For more information about any of the above activities, contact:

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