

WHAT YOU CAN DO NEXT:

APPRECIATE the generative power of conversation in our individual and collective lives.

NOTICE the quality of your own participation and listening.

FOCUS YOUR ATTENTION on the systems you care about, your family, organization and community.

ASK how you might "seed" your own network of conversations with questions that matter.

CONNECT with others who share your interest in café conversations.

RESOURCES AND SUPPORT:

Contact www.theworldcafe.com for:

- Café stories from around the world
- Details on café hosting
- Books, articles and other resources
- Links to related websites

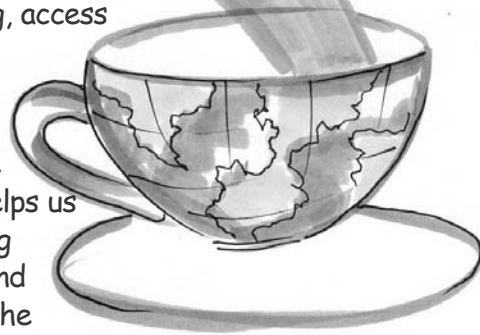
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START
YOUR OWN CAFÉ
CONVERSATIONS
ANYWHERE,
ANYTIME.
NO FRANCHISE
NEEDED!



Welcome to The World Café

WHETHER IN small groups or in complex systems, it is through human conversation that we discover shared meaning, access collective intelligence, and evolve the future together. The World Café as a *metaphor* is a guiding image for this core process. It helps us visualize the ever-expanding networks of conversation and social learning that are at the heart of organizational and community life. The World Café



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CLARIFY THE CONTEXT.

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CREATE HOSPITABLE SPACE.

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**EXPLORE QUESTIONS
THAT MATTER.**

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**ENCOURAGE EVERYONE'S
CONTRIBUTION.**

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CONNECT DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES.

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**LISTEN TOGETHER FOR
INSIGHTS, PATTERNS AND
DEEPER QUESTIONS.**

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HARVEST COLLECTIVE WISDOM.

process has demonstrated a remarkable capacity to foster authentic conversation and knowledge-sharing among people of varied backgrounds—even if they have never met or had formal dialogue training. Host a World Café conversation yourself. You might be surprised at what emerges!



STARTERS

To begin, gather a delightful assortment of diverse people. Ask them to recall a time that they've experienced a significant shift through the power of conversation and share this experience with the group for inspiration.



ENTREES

The main course is a question to chew on.
Here's one to try:

WHAT CONVERSATION, IF BEGUN TODAY, COULD RIPPLE OUT
IN A WAY THAT CREATES NEW POSSIBILITIES FOR
THE FUTURE OF _____?



DESSERTS

Come back together for a rich and delectable sharing of new insights and ideas, and watch the collective wisdom emerge.



TAKE OUTS

People often leave a Café conversation with a new level of shared understanding around key issues. By building on one another's knowledge, they will most likely see action choices they didn't even know existed before. The take-outs? Inspiration and the desire to make a difference. (No refrigeration required. Good ideas are not perishable.)