

How to Host a Golden Civilization Conversation

Many of us feel our civilization and democracy are in a tough place. Many are struggling to find hope. Following a framework for holding inspiring conversations to Life Plan individuals, people around the world are hosting conversations within their communities to Life Plan civilization!

All over the globe people have chosen to be leaders in their communities by hosting conversations about a Golden Civilization, their vision for the future, and how to create it now. Consider becoming a leader and hosting conversations in your community.

There's a simple structure to follow and lots of resources to support your efforts. Visit agoldencivilization.com to learn more.



-George Kinder, author of *A Golden Civilization and the Map of Mindfulness*

Locations

Golden Civilization Conversations can take place anywhere a group would be comfortable gathering. Consider hosting a conversation with your own communities wherever they are in the world. Community centers, libraries, places of worship, fitness studios, picnic shelters, places of learning, living/dining rooms, and kitchen tables. Conversations can also be held virtually through online meeting platforms.



Audiences

Golden Civilization Conversations can include anyone of any age who is able to express their ideas in a group setting. Conversations can be held with pre-formed groups or with individuals that come together solely for the meeting. Reach out to any group that you are part of currently or suggest hosting the conversation in partnership with an entity that has access to a community. Each Golden Civilization Conversation is unique and will never occur in the same way again. Consider inviting friends, family, co-workers, classmates, teammates, book clubs, colleagues, and community groups.



Resources

Visit agoldencivilization.com for resources to host conversations including flyers, invitation templates, conversation outlines, and next steps. Add upcoming conversations to a map of the world showcasing



each Golden Civilization Conversation in the grassroots movement. Find inspiration for conversations, research data, and groups performing positive work occurring all over the world. Join the public Facebook group [A Golden Civilization](#) and share videos, photos, and ideas that come out of Golden Civilization Conversations.

Meeting Overview

Golden Civilization Conversations include two distinct meeting agendas that follow a similar format: an initial meeting and on-going meetings

- The **initial meeting** enables groups to create a positive vision of a Golden Civilization that supersedes both negativity and polarization, and then find the paths to make it happen.
- The **on-going meetings** build off the positive vision of a Golden Civilization developed in the initial meeting. Energized by the vision, groups select obstacles to discuss and the action steps needed to overcome them. A new obstacle is selected at each on-going meeting.

Length: varies between 1-4 hours; initial meetings tend to be 2-4 hours

Roles: 1-2 hosts, including a facilitator and/or a recorder

Set-up: gather the group in a semicircle with space around the facilitator and recorder so the group can easily see one another and what is written

Supplies: a means for recording key ideas (flip chart, whiteboard, computer and projector, SmartScreen)

Mood: Positive, empowered, compassionate, empathetic, and inspired, resulting in a feeling of community and togetherness.

Structure:

Follow this general outline to host a 2-hour On-Going Golden Civilization Conversation with your audience. Conversations can be modified in many ways. As long as the structure includes:

- an inspiring and developing vision
- some acknowledgment of the obstacles we face
- engaging, personal, inspiring, and stimulating actions at the end

we've done our work, assuming of course we've done it in the context of respectful, empathic, and appreciative listening. The results seem to show every time in the enthusiasm, energy, hopefulness and passion with which people leave the conversations.

These community conversations have the potential to fuel real change in society. Through positive communication, participants feel a sense of power to affect their communities and their lives.

Golden Civilization Conversations are happening globally. Want in?

Find a leader in your community who is willing to host a conversation. Better yet, be the leader.

Become trained in group facilitation and inspired inner listening that leads to a shared vision of what is possible. Visit agoldencivilization.com for more details.

