

# on the table.

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## Welcome, Whistler hosts!

At this point you've declared your topic and reviewed [On The Table's Conversation Starters](#).

As you may remember, the hosting style is up to you. You can ask the questions yourself or you can put it to your group to choose their favourite questions, then have them facilitate their own question. As a host, you're welcome to go off script and come up with your own questions too.

Plus, the depth at which you discuss your topic is really up to you. Using one of the four Conversation Starters can help you prepare:

1. Conversation Starters about community connection
2. Conversation Starters that help you move beyond the small talk
3. Conversation Starters that foster creativity and ideas
4. Conversation Starters about what matters to you in Whistler (see below for details)

## A Whistler Community Conversation

We're hoping you'll add a few more questions to your table that relate specifically to Whistler – and your group's life in Whistler. These questions are designed to be delivered by the host, and yet they could be delivered by anyone in your group. The order is relevant in this set of questions.



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Ask folks to think specifically about the event topic while answering each of these questions. And, please use the nudges, as needed, to expand the conversation and give everyone the opportunity to share their thoughts.

## Question 1

What matters to you? And, what do you know about that issue in our community?

Nudges

- How does this issue affect you (at work/home/school)?
- Is this issue new to you in Whistler? Is Whistler different from other communities?
- What do you see happening around this issue (today/this last month/this last year)?

## Question 2

Thinking about the issue that matters to you, what are (you/we) doing in Whistler to (talk about/act on) this issue?

Nudges

- Can you share ways that we are engaged in positive action that enhances our community?
- Why is (talking about/acting on) this issue important?
- Have we improved over time?
- Does (talking about/acting on) this issue enhance our community?

## Question 3

Thinking about the issue that matters to you, what can we do as (a community / an individual) to improve things?

Nudges:

- Can an individual make a difference?
- In what way can you undertake positive action (at work/with your family/with your roommates/with your school)?
- How does today's conversation enhance community well-being?

## Question 4

Thinking about the issue that matters to you, the Sustainable Development Goals (<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/why-the-sdgs-matter/>), and the United Nations' target of fulfilling all these goals by 2030 "in order to leave no one behind", what would our community look like in 2030?

Nudges:

- Which of the 17 goals would be easy?
- What would be required from each person?
- What would be required from (industry/organizations/local government)?

Note: consider sharing the Sustainable Development Goal "Why it matters" and "Infographics" pages prior to your meet up: <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/why-the-sdgs-matter/>