

Conversation Guidelines

On The
Table,
NOW WHAT?

First, encourage On the Table participants to think creatively and reflect on possibilities rather than fixate on already identified challenges.

Second, consider the conversation as a journey. Every guest's ideas and stories are important. On the Table conversations should provide an opportunity for all participants to reflect on what they value most. Invite all ideas.

Third, focus on generating solutions. Community Foundation of Central Georgia wants to showcase action emerging from On the Table conversations in order to inspire collaboration and action from others, and drive progress across the community.

Fourth, ask participants to take the survey before leaving the discussion.

DOS AND DON'TS

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- Select a timekeeper for the event and allot 10 minutes at the end of the conversation to take the survey.
- Respect privacy.
- Encourage everyone to participate and have an open mind.
- Invite guests to follow up and expand on ideas.
- Share your photos, videos, and stories using the hashtag #onthetablemilly on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.



DON'T

- Be judgmental of any idea or comment.
- Promote argument or unproductive debate.
- Forget to take the survey.
- Be afraid to ask any questions to our team. We have a help desk ready to help.
- Micromanage the conversation; let it flow freely.

Conversation Prompts



Many hosts choose to let conversations happen organically using a few or all the general conversation prompts. Others have a specific topic they would like their tables to discuss. Other hosts may prefer to discuss one or more pressing issues identified in the On The Table conversations last year. If so, we've compiled a list of conversation prompts for those issues too.

Choose to discuss one, none, a few, or all of the prompts. There is not a specific requirement, other than to come to the table and share good conversation with each other!

- What do you say when you are bragging about Milledgeville? What do we do well? How can we use those things to strengthen our community?
- What inspires or motivates you to be involved in the community and/or your neighborhood?
- What is the single most important issue or opportunity in our community or your neighborhood right now and why?
- What's missing in Milledgeville? What does our community need? What can we do as individuals or together to work on these opportunities?
- Let's choose a problem our community faces and talk about how we would address it.
- If you only had \$100 and one day, what would you do to strengthen our community?
- What are one or two ideas that came from our conversation today that you can take action on to move our community forward?