



Dialogue A.C.T.S.

The Crossroads Civic Engagement Center at The University of Alabama created Dialogue A.C.T.S. to encourage the inclusive practice of asking questions to deepen understanding of diverse perspectives. These questions represent four effective ways to engage others with different viewpoints.

Arrange space (physical/intellectual/social) to invite different perspectives

- Whose perspective is missing, and what might they say?
- What perspectives haven't we considered yet?
- How might others view that differently?

Clarify terms or concepts being used

- Could you Clarify for me what you mean by "_____ "?
- When you say "_____" how do you understand or use that term?

Tell me more...

- Would you Tell me more about why you feel that way?
- Would you Tell me more about what you mean when you say "_____ "?
- Would you Tell me more about that experience?

Share a Story – to get at personal experiences, not points for debate or analysis.

- Would you share a Story or personal experience you have had or one of someone close to you that influences why you feel that way?
- What experiences have you had that strongly influence why you say that?