



Dialogue

BOOSTER SHOT:

Community Guidelines

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Community Guidelines allow us to set the groundwork for engaging in dialogue by getting us to name and enact guidelines/norms that participants think may help their group to develop trust and safety. Here are some common guidelines that you may want to use when engaging in dialogue:

- **Set own boundaries for sharing**
- **Speak from experience and avoid generalizing**
- **Respect confidentiality**
- **Be a full participant, and share the space**
- **No blaming or scapegoating**
- **Focus on your own learning and ask questions**
- **Respect different experiences and perspectives**
- **Assume good intentions, but recognize impact**



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