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- Community Leader

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how you and your community can get involved:

- Organize a Living Room Conversations with support from our staff (small organizer stipends and gift cards for conversation participants are available)
- Explore ways you and your community can lean in and take action with our Trust in Elections Toolbox
- Join a national Trust in Elections conversation online to learn from other community leaders

what a conversation looks like:

Gather 4-6 people

Follow the conversation guide

Walk away with more connection & understanding

Take turns listening and sharing

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how our conversations can help:

- improve listening and open mindset
- lead participants to apply these tools to other parts of life
- are useful for building potential allies
- foster a culture of connection
- establish a baseline of trust
- help counter the narrative that we are “hopelessly divided”