Stamford’s Everyday Democracy Community Forum
March 8, 2018
Agenda

- Welcome
- About Everyday Democracy
- Our purpose
- Sharing our experience
- Our commitment
- Gathering your feedback
- Call to Action
About Everyday Democracy

**WHAT:** Together we can tackle and make progress on the most difficult issues facing us.

**HOW:** People listen to each other, share their own experiences, and work together to solve problems.

**WHY:** We make progress on the issues area at hand and on how we address other issues in the future.
Our Purpose

Stamford’s Everyday Democracy works to address the racial inequities in the city.

We will achieve this through a series of dialogues to identify the inequities and build relationships among neighbors.

We will take actions that lead to shared power and resources that improve our community.
Our Group Norms

• One person speaks at a time
• Keep an open mind
• Speak for yourself - use ‘I’ statements
• Step outside your comfort zone
• Limit interruptions and side conversations
• Electronics silenced and put away
• W.A.I.T. rule: ‘Why am I talking?’
• Please introduce yourself before you speak
Dialogues to change:
Sharing our experience

3 Topics:

1. Personal & Cultural Artifacts
2. Did you know? Data on inequality
3. Resources and Books

Table stations on each side of the room have the same 3 topics

3 small group rounds of ~6 minutes each per topic

Start at any topic, rotate after ~6 minutes, be sure to visit all 3 topics

Rotate when you hear the chime!
Why we’ve committed to Stamford’s Everyday Democracy

A few testimonials from members of the organizing team
Sharing your feedback

Break into small groups with moderator(s) for each (~15 minutes)
- What barriers do you see for running these dialogues in Stamford?
- What ideas would help overcome these barriers?
- What would it take for you to join our coalition?
- How can we be more inclusive? Who else needs to be at the table?

Capture feedback on flip charts and post results (1 page per small group)
Gallery walk to review full group’s feedback (~5 minutes)
Call to Action

Reflect!  Connect!  Commit!

Thank you!