

Climate Across Generations Toolkit



Evaluating an Intergenerational
Conversation Café on
Climate Change and Ageism



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Overview

Intergenerational conversation cafés can create safe spaces for younger and older people to share experiences, build understanding, and explore climate action together.

After you plan and run a café, it's helpful to take time to reflect on how it went. This can help you understand what participants found meaningful, whether the café met its goals, and how the facilitation felt. These insights can guide improvements for future cafés and help make each session more effective and responsive to participants' needs.



You are welcome to share your own experience planning, hosting, and evaluating your conversation café with the Prairie Climate Centre at [email]. Hearing how conversation cafés are used in different settings can help us improve this toolkit and better support intergenerational climate conversations.

Participant Evaluation



Getting feedback from your participants can help you understand how they experienced the conversation and whether it supported connection, learning, and dialogue across generations. You can collect feedback in simple or more structured ways, depending on what works best for your group. For example, you may choose to do a quick group check-in at the end of the session, asking a few questions like:

- What worked well?
- Is there anything you would want to change or do differently next time?

You could also offer a short, optional feedback form at the end of the session or send one by email. Keeping the form short and simple, such as using a few rating questions and one or two open-ended questions, can make it easier for more people to respond.

It's important to keep your participants informed of any products or results that come out of your café. You can share a brief written summary after the café that highlights the main themes, ideas, and perspectives that were shared. You can also share the overall feedback received from the session. **This helps participants see how their contributions helped shape the conversation and know that their participation mattered.**



Sample Participant Evaluation Form

Thank you for participating in the Intergenerational Conversation Café on climate change and ageism. Your feedback helps us understand how the session felt for you and how future conversations could be improved. This form is anonymous, and all questions are optional.

Please circle the answer that best reflects your experience:

1. I gained a better understanding of how climate change affects people from different generations.



STRONGLY
DISAGREE



DISAGREE



NEUTRAL



AGREE



STRONGLY
AGREE

2. This conversation helped me challenge assumptions I may have had about other generations.



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DISAGREE



NEUTRAL



AGREE



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3. I felt more connected to people from a generation different from my own.



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DISAGREE



NEUTRAL



AGREE



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4. I feel hopeful that younger and older people can work together on climate change.



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DISAGREE



NEUTRAL



AGREE



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AGREE

5. I feel more motivated to take climate action in ways that feel right for me.



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DISAGREE



DISAGREE



NEUTRAL



AGREE



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AGREE

6. Is there anything else you would like to share?

Team Evaluation

Facilitators, note-takers, and planning team members can also take time to reflect on their own experience with the café. This includes thinking about what went well, what was challenging, and what could be improved for next time.

You can reflect on your own or with your team during a debrief session. Some questions to reflect on include:

- Did the format, timing, and space work well?
- Did any barriers come up?
- Were there any moments of conflict? How were they handled?
- Did people of different ages have a chance to speak? Whose voices were missing?
- Which discussion prompts worked well? Which didn't?
- What should we do differently next time? What should we keep the same?
- Was there anything that was missing from this toolkit that would have helped?



Conclusion

Evaluating your conversation café is an opportunity to see what worked well and what could be improved. Collecting feedback from participants, facilitators, note-takers, and planning team members can help you understand how the conversation was experienced and its impact. This information can guide future cafés and make them more inclusive, engaging, and meaningful.

This document provided tools and guidance for how to evaluate your café. You are encouraged to adapt them to fit your goals, setting, participants, and resources. Even simple reflections, like a quick check-in at the end with participants and team members, can give valuable insights and support ongoing learning and improvement.