

Common Ground:

# Civil Discourse



Common Ground: Civil Discourse is an interactive exhibit located on the bridge of Downtown Vacaville. The displays encourage passersby to stop and contemplate on the importance of civil discourse and our lack of it in our society. They are first confronted with a couple of questions. For example, "Should civil discourse be practiced in our society?". They then have the option to hear first-hand accounts of what society is like without civil discourse. The second structure is meant to teach people how to find common ground and participate in civil discussion. There is a "Pulling Together" activity to break the ice before the option of sitting at a table and practice civil conversations with prompt cards and built-in guidelines.

