

Sample Guidelines for Deliberative Discussions

- The purpose of the forum is to work toward a decision on an important issue.
- Everyone is encouraged to participate and to listen to one another.
- All the major approaches on the issues are considered fairly.
- There is a careful examination of the costs and consequences of each option.
- The moderator will remain neutral and will help move the conversation forward by asking probing questions and keeping track of the time.
- Plus other guidelines agreed upon by the group.