



The Network for Peace through Dialogue

Why Dialogue? (and when, and how, and where?)



The Network for Peace through Dialogue is a non-profit organization dedicated to connecting grassroots communities, both locally and globally, in order to identify and research common issues and solutions in the areas of making peace and promoting just action. Its objective is to provide a platform so that communities and societies can expand understanding and discuss their differences within a dynamic environment to help resolve conflicts and cooperate more fully. In all its programs, the Network for Peace through Dialogue does this by analyzing, facilitating, and fostering dialogue, identifying solutions, and sharing information. One of the organization's oldest and most popular community programs is the living room dialogue; this workshop allowed attendees to participate in a living room dialogue and simultaneously learn how to host a similar dialogue in their own community.

The living room dialogue technique is one that the Network developed and implemented in 1994 as a means for neighbors to spend an evening in dialogue about a current issue of critical interest. After demonstrating the methodology, this session concluded with a 15 minute discussion of technique. Participants engaged in a living room dialogue about the world-wide phenomenon of migration. This built

on an ongoing six-month online and face-to-face dialogue on this issue sponsored by the Network for Peace.

This session was led by Virginia Dorgan, Kathleen Kanet, and Peggy Ray.