ABOUT CAMPUS CHATS

Thoughtful and honest conversations about inclusion and diversity can ease tensions that persist in the U.S. today. Campus Chats help you get these conversations started.

HOW TO START A CHAT

- Ask a friend to introduce you to a friend of theirs. It should be someone you don’t already know well. Or, just ask someone you’ve been wanting to get to know.
- Spend about 30 minutes together talking through the Campus Chat Conversation Guide.
- Write to us at universitylife@columbia.edu (using the subject line Campus Chats) and let us know one thing you took away from the conversation and one thing you hope the other person took away. Every chat gives you a chance to win a coffee voucher.

TIPS FOR A GOOD CHAT

- Really listen to the answers to your questions. Your turn is next.
- Remember, benefit of the doubt. Assume the other person has good intentions. Almost everyone does.
- Get through as many of the questions as you can. If you aren’t able to get to all the questions, it’s no problem. The main point is to talk.
- Enjoy the conversation!

MAKE A FRIEND. HAVE A REAL CONVERSATION. CREATE COMMUNITY.
• If you have a friend in common, share with each other how you know the friend.
• Why did you choose to come to Columbia?
• How is being in New York, different (or the same) from where you grew up?
• What’s something you’ve experienced at Columbia that you appreciate?
• What’s been a challenge for you while at Columbia?
• While at Columbia, have you had conversations about inclusion and diversity? If so, how have they gone? How have these conversations been different from the ones you had with your family and friends growing up?
• Have your views on issues related to inclusion and diversity changed while you’ve been at Columbia? If so, how?
• Do you find it difficult or easy to have conversations about inclusion and diversity? Why or why not?
• What book, film, class, or play has moved you in the way it addressed inclusion and diversity issues?
• What’s one thing you hope the other person takes away from this conversation?

If you have any questions, contact universitylife@columbia.edu.

Interested in facilitating conversations on race and inclusion with your peers? Want to participate in an interactive training that gives you resources and tips to facilitate a dynamic conversation?

Join our facilitator cohort and participate in one of our upcoming trainings to become a Campus Conversations Facilitator!

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