

## Exploring Common Projects Invitation to Host a SAGE Gathering

Today's news can make us feel like our communities are more polarized and less able to bring people together to take on projects and solve problems.

What do you think? Can we work across differences and lead good projects together? We invite you to host a SAGE gathering where guests explore whether they share long-term goals in their community and, if so, what projects might come about to pursue these goals.

### What does SAGE do?

SAGE is a nonprofit organization that encourages people to work across differences to solve public problems. Like you, we're concerned about the challenges facing the future, and we believe that every person can make a difference.

### What takes place at the event, who should come?

You can bring this conversation to your group or business. We are happy to co-facilitate with you.

At the start of the event, guests share something they appreciate about your community and their thoughts on long-term goals. Guests then brainstorm ideas for small (or large) projects that might be pursued to advance these goals. These projects do not need to be led by anyone in the group, but they could be.

This conversation is brief and not meant to change hearts or minds, but to spark interest in meeting again to discuss working together on specific projects.

### What else should I know?

Each conversation has its own energy and pace, and the format can be adapted to your needs and interests. Our goal is that guests feel comfortable sharing their views in a respectful and supportive atmosphere. These events are led by SAGE facilitators and occur over a 2-hour program.

SAGE will not ask for money at the gathering. All we will ask is that guests share one concrete action they plan to take to promote effective citizenship. We will also share information about our mission and ask guests to complete a short questionnaire to help us improve our programming.

### How can I learn more?

Contact Steve Higgs at SAGE to learn more about hosting a gathering at 971-717-6570 or [Steve@WeAreSage.org](mailto:Steve@WeAreSage.org). Learn more about SAGE at [www.WeAreSage.org](http://www.WeAreSage.org).

## What do I need to do as a host?

**Hosts** help with four responsibilities:

- Host a gathering for 6 to 30 people in your home, office, community center, or place of worship (SAGE can cover the cost of the venue and refreshments up to \$250)
- Help us identify invitees, including those with different views and backgrounds (depending on your preference, SAGE can send invitations and handle RSVPs, or you can do so)
- Introduce facilitator, relax, have fun
- Let SAGE know if your group wants to meet again and, if so, how we might help promote a project led by members of your group (e.g., offer connections, resources, volunteers)