

## **Six Conversations to Build Community Syllabus**

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**Spring Term 2026: Monday April 20 to June 8, 2026**

**2:15 PM to 3:30 PM**

### **Class description**

Join a small group discussion based on the conversations in Community: The Structure of Belonging, by Peter Block. Together, we'll learn 6 transformative conversations that teach us about ourselves and foster connection: Invitation, Possibility, Ownership, Dissent, Commitment, and Gifts. Each week offers space to practice in a supportive Constructed Conversation format as well as explore key aspects of the book. It's a chance to learn to reflect, listen and share deeply, and practice powerful questions that aid in self-awareness to build trust. No prior experience or outside reading is needed.

### **Session One- April 20:**

The Small Group is the Unit of Transformation  
Questions are more Transforming than Answers  
The Possibility Conversations

### **Session Two -April 27:**

The Context for Restorative Community  
The Ownership Conversations

### **Session Three – May 4**

The Inversion of Cause and Accountability  
The Dissent Conversations

### **Session Four – May 11**

Leadership and Transformation  
The Commitment Conversations

### **Session Five – May 18**

The Transforming Community  
The Overall Premise of the Book  
The Gifts Conversations

### **Session Six – June 1**

Operating Guidelines  
Constructing the Invitation  
The Invitation Conversations

### **Session Seven – June 8**

Review and Practical use