Aridity and the Desert: Politics and Politicians

Date: February 1, 2018
Venue: Valley Bar
130 N Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85004
Facilitated by: Institute for Civil Dialogue
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Total Attendance: 22

3 words to describe event:

- interesting, fun, energizing
- Enlightening, hopeful, empowering
- Valuable, mind opening
- Mind-opening practice
- Enlightening, inspiring
- Uplifting, encouraging, reflection
- Enlightening, confirming
- Stimulating, perspective changing
- Hopeful, compassion, integrated
- Provocative, thoughtful, insightful
- Awareness, communication, networking
- Talking, listening, connecting
- Enlightening, encouraging, grateful

What new awareness did you gain or takeaway from this experience?

Common answers:
- We all have frustration over certain topics. Mutual frustration promotes empathy
• Listen more and be more open minded

• Everyone should participate in something like this!
• I’d rather have differences in opinion than indifference
• Other’s frustrations with dialogue
• Everyone has their own perspective on different issues and you need to be open-minded in order to incite dialogue
• Community members doing good work to promote Humanity 101 values
• Have the capacity to be influenced
• There is a lot of frustration but also some hope for a better future
• Sharing frustration was humanizing
• Everyone comes with baggage but it's how you carry it that matters
• Listen more
• A new way to be a better listener and communicator - more civil
• I offered something to the group. I’d thought I’d be quieter group-wise
• There are a lot of us with similar thoughts

How might this event impact your work?

Common answer:
• Motivated to be a better listener

• It’s encouraging
• Encourages me to learn more
• More practice for dialogue
• By giving me a different perspective that change can happen through listening
• Applying the philosophy and strategy to my professional spaces
• Reminder to have an open mind
• Help to remind me to listen - really listen
• Try to be a better listener
• Help me listen better to those I don't agree with
• Has given me a new place to speak from
• Get more involved in the community
• Uncertain
• It will make me listen better

Did the content of this event inspire you to change a behavior or take action toward change? If yes, please clarify.

Common answer:
• Use this strategy in other spaces
• Try to listen and be more empathetic

• I’ll most definitely share the next events with friends
• Yes… would love to bring it to a bigger audience group
• Yes, give back to the community
- It give me courage to have/engage civil dialogue with my family
- Yes, empathize and truly try to understand another perspective
- I will try to honor the Humanity 101 pledge
- Yes - learned how to be less judgement of people who don’t agree with me
- Again- listen more
- Yes- I promise to try to be a better listener and more patient
- Appreciation of politics
- Take action - I am already on track finding opportunities like this

Other comments:

- Enjoyed meeting new people that attended
- Thank you! It is great to talk, listen and connect.

100% Community