

How to engage in civil dialogue

The mission of Arizona Humanities is to build a just and civil society by creating opportunities to explore our shared human experiences through discussion, learning, and reflection. With that in mind, here are a few guidelines for encouraging civil discourse during the program.

- FRANK Talks are not about being right or wrong. The goal is to listen to one another and learn about other perspectives.
- Speak in a respectful manner to everyone in the session.
- Be courteous and do not interrupt others while they are speaking.
- Give everyone an opportunity to be heard.
- Listen to others while they are speaking without planning a response.
- Talk openly and honestly.
- After explaining your view of the situation, focus on future actions rather than past events.
- Allow the scholar to direct the flow of the discussion.

About FRANK Talks

FRANK Talks are face-to-face conversations on ideas that matter. Discuss issues of local and national importance at your local library led by a humanities scholar/expert on the topic. The goal of FRANK Talks is to inspire people to practice the skills of citizenship – to listen respectfully and engage thoughtfully with one another on important issues that affect our communities.

FRANK Talks are named in part to honor Lorraine W. Frank, the founding Executive Director of Arizona Humanities. During her tenure, she elevated public discourse and understood that engaging communities in dialogue was critical to the well-being of our state. Lorraine W. Frank passed away in 2005, and in 2015 she was inducted into the Arizona Women's Hall of Fame.



FRANK Talks “Flash Feedback”

Host Library: _____ Program Name: _____ Date: _____

1.) What did you like most about the program?

2.) Overall, rate the program:

1	2	3	4	5
Needs Improvement				Excellent

3.) I learned something by participating in this program:

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree

Comments:

4.) After participating in FRANK Talks, are you more aware of the topic discussed?

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree

5.) I am likely to apply what I have learned:

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree

6.) I am more likely to use other library services and resources:

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree

7.) I am likely to participate in future FRANK Talks:

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree				Strongly Agree

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