



D Teams

The purpose of the Deliberative Citizenship Initiative is to create opportunities for Davidson students, faculty, staff, and members of the wider community to productively engage with one another on difficult and contentious issues facing our community and society. Deliberative “D” Teams are one of several offerings of the Deliberative Citizenship Initiative.

At this time of intense feelings, rapid change, and hyper-polarization, the D Teams will be engaging in the urgent and important work of bringing people together to explore how and why their perspectives are both similar and different – and begin building common solutions to our collective challenges.

What is a D Team?

D Teams are small groups of 4-7 people who share a commitment to meet regularly, get to know each other on a personal level, and share their thoughts on difficult issues facing our society. As part of the Deliberative Citizenship Initiative, D Teams provide a practical opportunity for individuals to engage across political and social differences, learn and practice deliberative skills, and discuss creative ideas to inspire change.

Who can join a D Team?

Anyone! D Teams consist of Davidson students, staff, faculty, and community members. Individuals have the opportunity to state their preference of joining a D Team with only their peers or a combination of people from across different areas of the community. While we can’t guarantee everyone’s first preference will be met, we will do our best to do so.

How often do D Teams meet?

D Teams meet once every two weeks for an hour and a half. Each D Team decides the time and location of their meetings in order to accommodate the group’s schedule and dynamics. You’ll have the chance to express your preference for online or in-person meetings.

Will someone facilitate D Team discussion?

Trained DCI Fellows, Co-Conveners and Deliberative Facilitators may serve as D Team facilitators. Individuals have the opportunity to state whether they would prefer to join a facilitated versus non-facilitated D Team when they sign up. Members of non-facilitated D Teams will be expected to participate in a short online self-facilitation workshop. Additionally, all D Teams will be provided with DCI resources on deliberation best practices.

To learn more about the Deliberative Citizenship Initiative, visit our [website](#) or email dci@davidson.edu

Why should I join a D Team?

If you have ever wanted a productive way to discuss difficult issues with people outside your current circle of friends and family, or if you are looking for a chance to counter the hyper-partisan tone of our current environment with informed and respectful civic discourse, D Teams may be for you.

Who will be on my D Team?

D Teams ideally will be made up of people with a diversity of backgrounds and perspectives. Questions we ask during the sign-up process will enable us to match you up with people who are both similar and dissimilar to you in different ways. Such diversity creates opportunities for real engagement, learning, and connection.

How do I join a D Team?

To sign up for a D Team, complete the D Team Application on WildcatSync. [Click here to access WildcatSync.](#)

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