



## ***Beyond the Deliberation:*** **Resources for Continued Engagement on** ***Policing, Safety, and Justice***

One of the key deliberative dispositions that the Deliberative Citizenship Initiative (DCI) has identified is an “action orientation.” While dialogue and deliberation are themselves important contributors to a healthy democracy, they become even more valuable when they lead to shared agreement on key issues and an intentional commitment to take either individual or collective action on them.

Such action can come in a range of forms and should be broadly understood. It might involve issuing a set of recommendations or deciding to support a particular policy. It might also manifest as developing a better understanding of a topic, connecting with relevant local or national organizations, participating in continued discussions, or generating new approaches to engaging with the issue.

To support such an orientation, the DCI shares a series of “action pathways” for participants to consider after each event or activity it sponsors. Please see the pathways below related to the topic of **policing**. Engaging in these activities is voluntary -- participants are free to choose any of the pathways, or none. But we encourage you to at least consider them as options that can build on the conversation you just had with your fellow deliberative citizens.

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### **Get Informed:**

- Watch [this five minute video](#) from NPR about the history of policing in America.
- Learn more about police response to 911 calls involving mental health crises from [this Governing article](#).
- Read more about Crisis Intervention Teams in [this NPR article](#).
- Learn more about what Americans think about the police and different reform ideas:
  - Read [this article from FiveThirtyEight](#) on defunding the police.
  - Read [this article from Gallup](#) about maintaining local police presences .
  - Read [this article from Pew](#) about police misconduct suits.
- Read about the influence of police unions on accountability mechanisms and policing protocols in [this R Street Institute article](#).
- Use OpenMind, an online learning software that explores the inner workings of the mind and the psychological roots of our differences.
  - How to use OpenMind  
The program will equip you with insights and skills to help you better understand yourself and others. It will empower you to be more in control of your thoughts

and feelings so that you can make better decisions, be happier, and navigate challenging conversations more effectively.

The program consists of 5 interactive steps, each of which takes ~20 minutes to complete.

To begin using OpenMind, please follow these steps:

1. Go to the following link to access OpenMind: <https://openmindplatform.org/app-user>
2. Create a username and password with GuidedTrack. This will enable you to save your progress and log in from different devices.
3. After creating your username and password, you will be prompted to enter an access code. Type in the following code (case-sensitive): **DTeams2020**

**Get Connected:**

- Join [Action NC's](#) police accountability advocacy and organizing.
- Connect with a [community engagement program](#) with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department.

**Get Involved:**

- Share your ideas or concerns about campus policing with the Davidson College Department of Public Safety and Campus Police through their [Community Input Form](#).
- Become a [faculty or staff Building Captain](#) to receive training on assisting the community in the event of emergency situations.
- Participate in a police ride-along program in [Davidson](#) or [Charlotte](#) to learn more about policing in your community.
- Call or send an email to [your local elected officials](#) about the type of police reform you would like to see in your city or state.

## About This Guide

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### The Deliberative Citizenship Initiative

The Deliberative Citizenship Initiative (DCI) is dedicated to the creation of opportunities for Davidson students, faculty, staff, alumni, and members of the wider community to productively engage with one another on difficult and contentious issues facing our community and society. The DCI regularly hosts facilitated deliberations on a wide range of topics and organizes training workshops for deliberation facilitators. To learn more about these opportunities, visit [www.deliberativecitizenship.org](http://www.deliberativecitizenship.org).

### DCI Deliberation Guides

The DCI has launched this series of Deliberation Guides as a foundation for such conversations. They provide both important background information on the topics in question and a specific framework for engaging with these topics. The Guides are designed to be informative without being overwhelming and structured without being inflexible. They cover a range of topics and come in a variety of formats but share several common elements, including opportunities to commit to a shared set of Conversation Agreements, learn about diverse perspectives, and reflect together on the conversation and its yield. The DCI encourages conversations based on these guides to be moderated by a trained facilitator. After each conversation, the DCI also suggests that its associated Pathways Guide be distributed to the conversation's participants.

### DCI Pathways Guides

For every Deliberation Guide, the DCI has also developed an associated Pathways Guide, which outlines opportunities for action that participants can consider that are related to the covered topic. These Pathways Guides reinforce the DCI's commitment to an action orientation, a key deliberative disposition. While dialogue and deliberation are themselves important contributors to a healthy democracy, they become even more valuable when they lead to individual or collective action on the key issues facing society. Such action can come in a range of forms and should be broadly understood. It might involve developing a better understanding of a topic, connecting with relevant local or national organizations, generating new approaches to an issue, or deciding to support a particular policy.

If you make use of this guide in a deliberation, please provide attribution to the Deliberative Citizenship Initiative and email [dci@deliberativecitizenship.org](mailto:dci@deliberativecitizenship.org) to tell us about your event. To access more of our growing library of Deliberation Guides, Pathways Guides and other resources, visit [www.deliberativecitizenship.org/readings-and-resources](http://www.deliberativecitizenship.org/readings-and-resources).