

deliberateLIFE

FAQ Sheet – Dinners

What is Deliberate Discourse?

Deliberate Discourse is a series of discussions about things that matter, hosted by deliberateLIFE, a social enterprise working to make it easier to live well and do good. We believe that face-to-face dialog is a simple and powerful way to increase understanding, grow in empathy and discover new possibilities.

The first Deliberate Discourse events have taken the format of family style dinner parties. Friends and strangers meet to share a meal and discuss a societal challenge. Prior to arrival, guests are sent a series of videos and articles to digest, creating a reference point for later discussion. Upon arrival at the dinner, everyone is welcomed and given a reflection prompt card to set the tone for the evening. Once dinner is served, each table (5-6 people) is free to have a self-directed conversation. We provide a set of cards with questions to help facilitate the engagement.

By creating a safe space offline we hope to facilitate moving forward together.

Who Should Attend a Dinner?

Anybody who is interested in participating – We ask that people come willing to listen, learn and engage.

Where and When Are The Events Held?

To date, dinners have been hosted in major cities across the United States, including San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, Washington DC, Los Angeles, Portland, and Chicago. Once there are 10 requests for a dinner in a particular city, we move forward with making arrangements.

The dinners are held in restaurants, shops, cafes, offices and homes – we only look for an inviting and quite environment that is conducive to group conversation and enjoyment of a meal. The venue is chosen based on the expected number of guests, what is available, and affordability. (We try to avoid venues that charge a premium for their space, because we are interested in offering the dinners at a price point that is accessible to the greatest number of people).

The dinners are usually held from 7-9:30 PM. Follow-on events are being planned for alternative times to ensure the greatest amount of participation.

Is There a Fee?

Yes. To cover the cost of food and other basic logistics, we ask guests to purchase a ticket from our website to attend a dinner. The price of the first series of Deliberate Discourse dinners has been \$25.

How Can I Participate?

1. **Attend a Dinner or Request One in Your City:** www.bit.ly/dddinners
2. **Spread the Word:** Share the idea with friends in your city and beyond! #deliberatediscourse
3. **Help Host a Dinner:** Each event requires a location, a chef, and facilitator. If you have a venue we can use, like to cook or would be interested in helping facilitate on our behalf, let us know! Email: discourse@wethedeliberate.com
4. **Become a deliberateLIFE City Ambassador:** If you are passionate about making thoughtful choices in your life and want to help others do the same, we want to hear from you! In order to better support our community around the world, we're looking for City Ambassadors who can serve as our primary point of contact in a given location. Help us plan events, connect with people and organizations, suggest ideas for the magazine and review sustainable/ethical products. Learn more and apply on our site. We'll schedule a video chat to get to know you.

I'd love to Host a Dinner. What's The First Step?

1. Find a Venue: We aim to group people in tables of 5 (6 people at the most) so look for a venue that can hold 10, 15, 20 or 25 people comfortably. This could be a café that is willing to close a bit early to allow us to use the space, an office where there are tables, chairs and a kitchen, or a restaurant with a private room (remember, we want it to be quiet enough for people to be heard). Contact the venues that you think might be interested in being involved and ask if there is a day that they would be willing to let us use the space for free or for a discount.
2. Contact us (discourse@wethedeliberate.com) and let us know the chosen date and how many people can attend. We'll put the date on our events page and direct people to purchase a ticket for dinner.
3. Promote the event to your network & others.
4. Once we have an idea of the headcount, we'll work with you to find a chef or catering company that can provide food for the meal.

Tell me about deliberateLIFE.

Our team creates content and experiences that inspire people to engage with their world in a more intentional way. We believe people have the power to shift the needle on pressing social issues through the choices they make and how they vote with their dollar.

We publish a digital magazine (available for iOS and Android), designed to be your lifestyle guide to living a more sustainable, engaged and socially conscious life with ease and style. Join Us. We're working to build a better tomorrow.

Read more on our website:
www.wethedeliberate.com

WE THE DELIBERATE  believe that choices matter. Even the small ones. We believe how we spend our time and money is a vote for the future we want. In our future we **MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER**. We believe **LIVING WELL AND DOING GOOD GO HAND IN HAND**. We live by the golden rule. We believe giving is more about sharing our stories and our talents, than about opening our wallets. **WE PAY IT FORWARD.** We the deliberate **SEE A BETTER TOMORROW**. In our tomorrow, **COMMUNITY WINS.** From local community sharing dinner together, to global community working together. We celebrate the craft of local artisans and support businesses that walk out our shared values. In our tomorrow, **EARTH WINS.** We take public transit. We connect in parks and are inspired by the great outdoors. We are simplifying, recycling, and innovating our way to a sustainable ecosystem for all. In our tomorrow, **WHOLE PEOPLE**. People connected to each other, to their planet, to the deep truths that have sustained us through the millenia. We work for more than a paycheck. We travel for more than the photos. We serve for more than the praise. **WE LIVE LIKE IT MATTERS.** With this one wild and precious life, we **CHOOSE TO LIVE DELIBERATELY.**