DESCHUTES CIVIC ASSEMBLY ON YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

DAY 1

Welcome!

Civic Assemblies Are Different

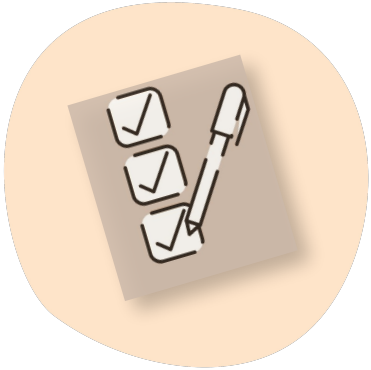
WHO

Democratic Lottery
draws out brand new voices, creates a unique microcosm of the public & reduces barriers to participating fully

WHAT

In-Depth Deliberation
changes policymaking itself, prioritizing substantial time, broad information, personal support, Delegate power & a new political architecture that fosters collaboration

HOW



Decisions by Supermajority
help find creative common ground, while respecting difference & never forcing consensus

Who's on the Assembly

You are Deschutes County in one room!

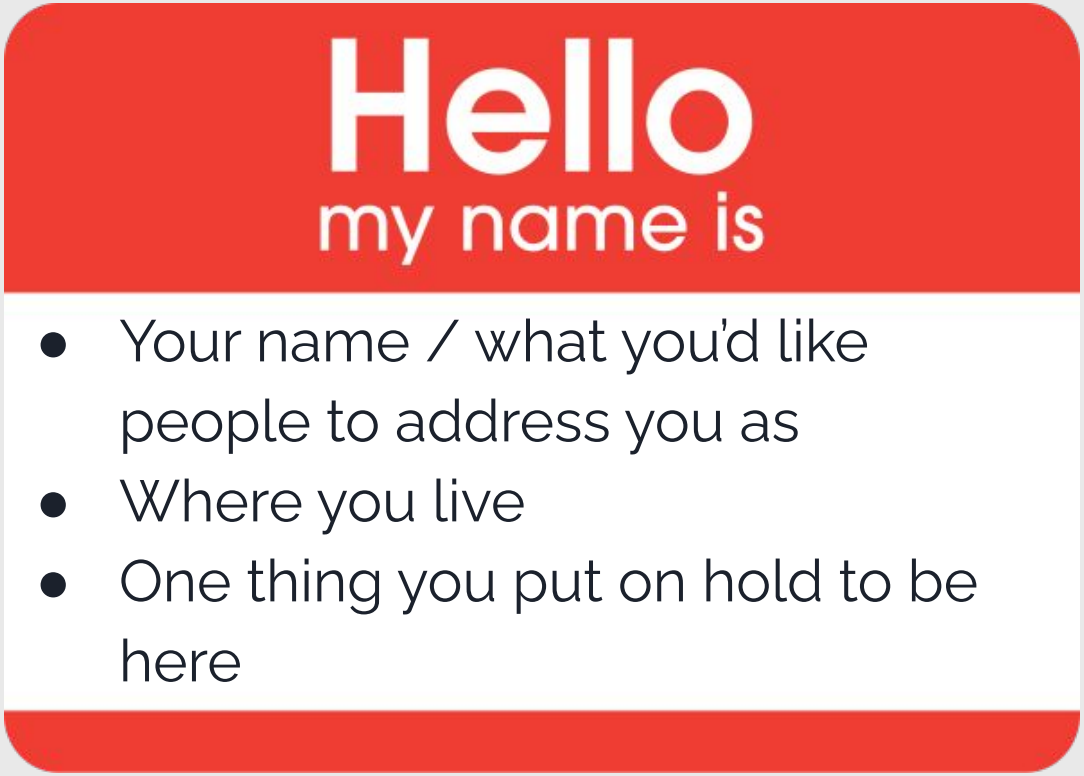
Age

- 16–24
- 25–34
- 35–44
- 45–54
- 55–64
- 65–74
- 75+

Deschutes County

This Assembly

Introductions



The Question

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What should our priorities be for building community solutions to prevent and end youth homelessness?

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Information Gathering

Guiding Principles

Solutions

Report Creation

Engage with Community & Decision Makers

Treat everyone with respect

Be open
to new ideas

Listen with care

Keep focused on the issue

Minimize distractions

Speak clearly
& briefly

Share “airtime”

Be yourself

Participate fully

Even disagree
with respect
(not like this)

Discussion Agreements (a starting place)

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Debate

Collaboration

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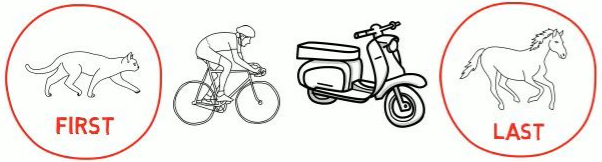
A First Conversation

Experience with Housing

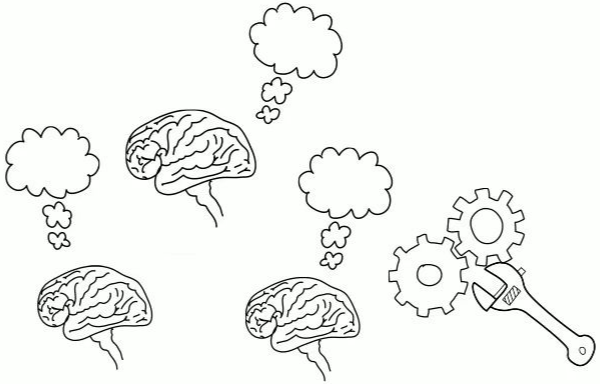
- How has your housing situation changed throughout your life?

- If you feel comfortable sharing: Have you or folks you know faced challenges with housing?

1. ANCHORING BIAS



"COGNITIVE"
OR
"UNCONSCIOUS"
BIASES



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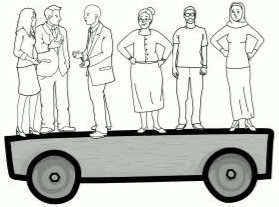
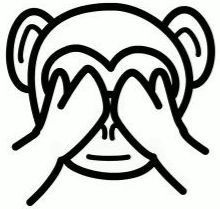
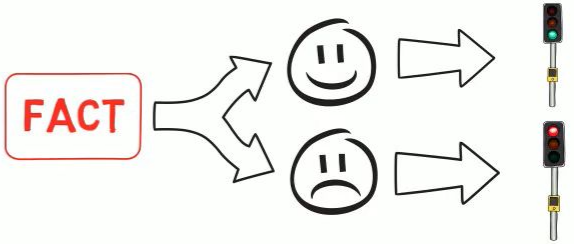


3. BLIND SPOT



MANY TYPES OF BIASES!

4. CONFIRMATION BIAS



5. INFORMATION BIAS

6. AUTHORITY BIAS

ALWAYS ACCEPT?
ALWAYS REJECT?

INTERROGATE THE EVIDENCE

JUDGE THE FACTS,
NOT THE PERSON!

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CORE PARTNERS

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Research

Oregon State University Cascades

Cal Poly Humboldt

MIT center for constructive communication

Local Partners

COIC Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council

Deschutes County

Bend

Design & Coordination

yab Central Oregon's Youth Action Board

COCAP | Your seat at the table.

DemocracyNext

Healthy Democracy

Funders