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Commit to listen first to understand

Each person who listens first to understand tips the scales toward a stronger and more equitable future for our state and better relationships in our daily lives.

Join or host a civic conversation in your community

The conversations may be casual, one-on-one or in groups; we ask that you talk about a topic that is concerning you or your community.

Host an elected official for a civic conversation

Want to see our leaders model a civic conversation? Work with IEI to host elected officials at your organization!

Learn more & get involved:
emergingissues.org/civic-conversations

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Principles

• Listen first to understand
• Be curious and open to learning
• Suspend judgement
• Maximize diversity of perspectives

The ReCONNECT NC Civic Conversations initiative is part of the national #ListenFirst movement to mend the frayed fabric of America by bridging divides with conversation. The #ListenFirst movement, which has reached millions of people coast to coast and been featured on national television, was founded in our state. As part of ReCONNECT NC Civic Conversations, you can make North Carolina the model for the nation to follow!

North Carolina is leading the nation!