

ninety-nine girlfriends

COLLECTIVE GIVING FOR IMPACT:
PORTLAND & SW WASHINGTON

CONVERSATION CIRCLES 2021

DISCUSSION GUIDE: HOMELESSNESS

Our “Safe Homes for All” Spotlight Study Report focused on a number of specific challenges in trying to reduce homelessness, support people who are living on the streets, and create policy and funding to stem the crisis. What’s happening now in our community, based on the passing of the recent bond measures? What can we do to keep things moving forward?

Materials for each session will be provided after you register.

SESSION 1 – TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021 @ 6:00 – 7:30 PM

DISCUSSION TOPIC	What do we know, or think we know about homelessness in our community?
GOAL	Become familiar with the Spotlight Study Team Report and identify key areas for focus for the Circle.
PREPARATION	Read the Spotlight Study Team Report on “Safe Homes for All.” Watch the video.

SESSION 2 – TUESDAY MAY 18, 2021 @ 6:00 – 7:30 PM

DISCUSSION TOPIC	What’s happening with the bond measure implementation? Refer to Portland Metro, Oregon, Measure 26-210, Income and Business Taxes for Homeless Services (May 2020)
GOAL	Learn about the current status of the implementation of the bond measure. Who’s taking the lead? How are the efforts ensuring racial equity in the results?
PREPARATION	Read the current report from the bond measure committee. Watch a video from Marc Jolin of the Joint Office. Read the materials from Portland Homeless Family Solutions.

SESSION 3 – TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021 @ 6:00 – 7:30 PM

DISCUSSION TOPIC	What else can be done about Homelessness? What else is being done? How can we help?
GOAL	Learn more about options for responding to the crisis with both urgent and long-term actions.
PREPARATION	Find examples of how other communities of our size have had success in their efforts on homelessness.

RESOURCES ON HOMELESSNESS

Portland Homeless Family Solutions: Understanding the Issues
<http://www.pdxhfs.org/>

Safe Homes for All ninety-nine girlfriends Spotlight Study Team Report
<https://ninetyninegirlfriends.com/news-education-and-announcements/2020/10/6/safe-homes-for-all>

Joint Office of Homeless Services
<https://multco.us/joint-office-homeless-services>

Black Residents of Multnomah Count Face a Greater Risk of Homelessness
<https://www.wweek.com/news/2021/01/06/black-residents-of-multnomah-county-face-a-greater-risk-of-homelessness/>

Homelessness and Racial Disparities
<https://endhomelessness.org/homelessness-in-america/what-causes-homelessness/inequality/>

National Alliance to End Homelessness
<https://endhomelessness.org/voices-from-the-field-covid-19-and-recession-surveys-interviews-and-data/>

NPR Podcast: Outsiders
<https://www.npr.org/podcasts/795090517/outsideers>