



2018 HOST OVERVIEW

April 20-21, 2018

#QCBigTable

The Quad Cities is making a big statement in coming together for the shared purpose to listen and learn from one another. When we do that, we create stronger relationships and create an even better community.

How can we work together to build a better region?

We know there's no single way to get there. It will take the involvement of individuals, families businesses, governments and nonprofits. We hope the Quad Cities Big Table generates open, thoughtful conversations that will spark new ways of working together by deepening our understanding of each other and what the community needs. Emphasis is not on finding immediate solutions, rather on creating authentic connection and civic engagement through conversation.

On April 20 and 21, more than 5,000 people representing different backgrounds, neighborhoods and interest groups will join more than 500 (one hour at any time of day) conversations to explore the ways in which we have the power to make our neighborhoods, communities and region stronger and more connected.

For the last year, the Q2030 Regional Vision movement has proven that many Quad Citizens share the desire to be a part of shaping our region's future. Real progress for our community will result when residents and organizations collaborate to make contributions that add up to a greater solution. The Quad Cities Big Table aims to connect individuals and communities of diverse perspectives and backgrounds to do just that.

The hosts for the Quad Cities Big Tables are the important to the success of the effort. Thank you for your willingness and commitment to better the Quad Cities.

What does it mean to be a host?

As a host, you are committing to facilitate a conversation with 8 – 12 people so they can collectively explore issues important to our community and share innovative ideas that will build trust and connect our region moving forward.

Anyone interested in convening a conversation may host. Your conversation can happen at any time of day in any place where guests are comfortable. You may choose a public location listed on our website or at a place of your liking. You may want to serve light snacks. The only requirements are that hosts provide productive environments for authentic conversations about community and they participate in one of the information sessions:

Tuesday, April 3
5:30 – 6:30 pm
Botanical Center
2525 4th Ave.
Rock Island

Wednesday, April 4
5:30 – 6:30 pm
Waterfront Center,
2021 State Street
Bettendorf

Thursday, April 5
8:00 – 9:00 am
Taxslayer Center
1201 River Drive
Moline

Tuesday, April 10
11am – Noon
Figge Art Museum
225 West 2nd Street
Davenport

The day. Registration. Location.

The Quad Cities Big Table can take place at any time of day and should be scheduled for a minimum of one hour.

You can register to host a conversation at a location of your choice or at one of our public locations listed at www.QuadCitiesBigTable.com.

Conversations can happen anywhere that your group would feel most comfortable. Venues could be homes, churches, community centers, businesses, restaurants, backyards and picnic areas. When planning your conversation, consider the best atmosphere that you can create for honest and open conversation. The more relaxed your guests are, the better the conversation will be.

The guests.

The invite list can be people you invite or community members who register for your public table. It's up to you.

Host Check-List.

If you haven't already, please take a moment to register as a host at: www.quadcitiesbigtable.com. You will have the option to host a conversation at a location of your choice or host a conversation at one of our public partner locations.

- Register as a host at www.quadcitiesbigtable.com.
- Secure (and register) the location and time for the conversation on either April 20 or 21. Plan for a minimum of 60 minutes.
- Invite 8 – 12 people to join the conversation.
- Food and drinks are optional – but not required. If you're using a public location check on the rules.
- Serve as the conversation guide.
- Respond to a survey and provide feedback regarding your conversation experience.
- Encourage your guests to respond to a brief survey and provide feedback as well.

The numbers.

Our goal is ten to twelve guests per table. The Quad Cities Big Table is about giving everyone a chance to speak and be heard.

Spread the word.

What will you do to create a stronger more connected community? How will you use your Quad Cities Big Table conversation to bring your colleagues, friends, family and neighbors together to lead change in your organization, neighborhood or the Quad Cities region? We encourage you and your guests to share commitments and connections with us before, during and after your conversation by using the hashtag #QCBigTable2018.

What is the goal of my table conversation?

To use ideas from your conversation to individually or collectively make a difference.

As the Quad Cities' only shared vision endorsed by more than 240 business, non-profit, academic, government and trades organizations, Q2030 aims to bring residents, practitioners, non-profit, academic, business and community leaders together to collaborate on making decisions and drive strategies that create cool places, creative people, a connected region and prosperous economy.

The Quad Cities Big Table is an integral project in Q2030's effort to build community engagement and empower shared ownership. In inviting everyone to join in the conversation, Q2030 seeks to leverage collective knowledge and resources that inspire action and create lasting and meaningful change in lives and our region.