

2018 Greater Lafayette Holocaust Remembrance Conference

Educator Workshop



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Difficult Conversations: Come to the Table

“Dialogue across Differences” workshop presented by



People make choices. Choices make history.

Monday, April 16, 2018 4:30 – 8:00 pm

Purdue University, Lawson Hall 1142

Registration at <http://glhrc.org/educators.html>

No cost workshop provided by the Ackerman Center for Democratic Citizenship

Dinner provided to participants by Subway, thanks to Bauer, Inc.

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Through engaging in difficult conversations, students gain critical thinking skills, empathy and tolerance, and a sense of civic responsibility.

How we talk about things matters, and we are not always well equipped. Encouraging respectful dialogue between students with cultural differences is a challenge we must rise to in today’s classrooms. We may be able to share our views easily with those who already agree. But civil discourse is different, and it’s critical to our ability to function as a democracy. The classroom should be a place where students learn to exchange ideas, listen respectfully to different points of view, try out ideas and positions, and give—and get—constructive feedback without fear or intimidation. **This workshop will give you teaching strategies and language to create a classroom space where students can safely engage in meaningful and difficult conversations.**