

## Description

*Williamsburg Talks* is a communitywide program in which a large number of racially, economically and socially diverse citizens participate in study circles.

## What Is a Study Circle?

A study circle is made up of 10–15 racially and demographically diverse participants who meet together five to six times to learn about community issues in a democratic and collaborative way. *Williamsburg Talks* will focus on the issues of race and diversity.

Study circle sessions move from focusing on values and attitudes to defining problems and exploring specific action ideas. Trained facilitators lead the sessions.

## Mission

*Williamsburg Talks* seeks to build a culture of understanding, caring and collaboration among all citizens of Greater Williamsburg.

## Vision

With the participation of 2,000 demographically diverse citizens over the next five years, *Williamsburg Talks* will foster changes in communication patterns between individuals and among organizations and institutions. This activity will spawn initiatives that bring people together to improve the community and eliminate inequities.

## Goals

*Williamsburg Talks* seeks to

- involve 2,000 demographically diverse participants in study circles over the next five years,
- identify racial problems and issues and provide participants a more complete picture of the perspectives of others,
- establish new relationships and coalitions across racial lines,
- foster the emergence of new leaders,
- energize participants to take full ownership of the identified problems and to work actively toward solutions, and
- incubate action ideas and support task forces as they move from dialogue to action.

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If you are interested in participating in a Study Circle, please fill out this form, tear on the dotted line and send to:  
All Together, Inc., P. O. Box 1967, Williamsburg, VA 23187.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email address \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates you would like to participate \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you available to host a study circle? \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you interested in becoming a facilitator? \_\_\_\_\_

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A Communitywide  
Study Circle Initiative

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