

Host a Civic Dinner



Civic Dinners is an international movement using the art of conversation to build stronger connection, a deeper understanding of complex issues, creating spaces to hear diverse views and inspire collective action.

How it works:

- **Host** chooses a date, location and menu. Try for food options that are locally sourced, plant-based and create minimal waste. Decide on three important questions to pose (or you can sign up with civildinners.com for host guidelines) and send these out a day or so before your dinner
- **Invite** friends, family, co-workers, neighbours and community members. Aim to have at least six diverse perspectives at the table
- **Pose a question before each course**, with the host prompting and drawing out personal stories, shared values and potential actions from around the table during the meal
- **Equal time to share** prevents any one voice from dominating the conversation. There is no speaker, special guest or ego at the table. Instead, everyone's voice matters
- **One voice at a time** allows for everyone to feel heard. It's not the time for debate, instead it's an opportunity to listen and be respectful of everyone's perspective.

Some conversation suggestions for starters:

Live Lightly Theme	Entrée	Main	Dessert
 Move	What would happen if cars were banned from central Auckland?	How would you get to where you need to go without a car?	What does future travel look like?
 Eat	Where does our food come from?	What role does food play in your life?	What does future food look like?
 Talk	How do our choices affect ourselves, our communities, and the world?	How can one individual make a difference?	What can we do together to make change in a system?
 Grow	What green spaces do you like to visit and how important are they to you?	What else could this land be used for?	In a city that is growing how do we ensure we have enough breathable air?
 Energy	How could technology improve the way we use power?	What would our city be like if energy generation was decentralised?	What changes would we need to make if we stopped using fossil fuels?
 Talk	What are the biggest changes we will experience in Auckland due to a changing climate?	How would you have to transform your life for extreme climate change?	How resilient are we for changes in climate?

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