

# NORTHERN ENERGY DIALOGUES

Community Conversation Facilitator's Guide  
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Thank you for facilitating an Energy  
Dialogue in your community!

This short facilitator's guide provides an  
overview of how you might manage the  
session.

# Background

These conversations will help shape a regional workshop where communities can connect with others on energy issues and are open to anyone who is interested.

Facilitators guide the conversation and are asked to provide a high-level report back on the discussions to capture the key points.

You can fill out the Guidebook and/or record your answers as an audio file. Hard copies can be mailed or you can answer the questions online at <https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/northernenergydialogues>

Conversations are estimated to take 1-2 hours.

Funding is available for space rental, supplies and refreshments to support participation.

Refer to the Community Conversation Guide for more details.

## Suggested Overview for Session

### **Welcome and territorial acknowledgement**

### **Introductions**

You may want to add a personal reflection on why you are interested in this topic.

### **Set the scene**

The purpose of this project is to coordinate community conversations and regional dialogues across northern BC, with the aim of identifying community interests and needs in support of energy initiatives.

It places communities at the centre of energy planning and involves opportunities to collectively identify place-based knowledge leading to energy initiatives and investments.

The project will gather and mobilize research across three phases: 1) needs and gaps identification through community and regional-level dialogues; 2) support for targeted and community-identified capacity building initiatives; and 3) formalize and embed capacity for innovation in the region.

### **Data and consent**

We have provided you with a Participant Consent Form. Note that these meetings are not recorded. A high-level overview of the discussion (notes) will be shared with the researchers by the facilitator and there will be no attribution of comments to participants.

Before beginning the conversation, please review the form with participants. Be sure to note that **by participating in the community conversation or workshop, you are providing your consent to have your comments audio-recorded and/or recorded via written and visual materials.**

### **Start the conversation**

The guidebook can be adapted as you see fit and can also be guided by the conversation. Remember, there are no right or wrong answers. Be sure to record the different perspectives of participants, including disagreement. Support and encourage participation by providing sticky notes or notepads for participants who may not want to speak out loud.

### **Thank you**

At the end of the session, thank the participants and ask them to reach out to the research team if they have any questions or if they are interested in future initiatives and events in the region.

For any community conversation questions, including assistance with planning or funding, **please contact Sarah Korn, Community Coordinator at:**  
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