

# Civil Discourse In the Public Arena

**Effective Solutions That Are Easy To Use**

“Good governance is a clash of ideas and values in the political arena. We need to listen to our opponent’s arguments and look for areas of common interest ... if we are to govern this country effectively.”  
*Brint Milward, National Institute for Civil Discourse*

**What: 2018 Civil Discourse Activities Kickoff Event**

**When: Saturday May 5, 2018-- 9AM - Noon**

**Where: Skagit Valley College, Quall Center  
2205 West Campus Place, Mount Vernon - Free Parking**

Join us for an public meeting on Civil Discourse in Skagit County—whose job is it, and how does it affect our community? We’ll hear from educational representatives, community organizations, the media and political representatives. Then, participation from the attendees—what’s important about the idea of Civil Discourse for Skagit County?

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***Next Steps—Watch for announcements of specific dates & locations:***

**June, July, and August 2018** Multiple skill building training sessions will be offered as part of this project, to refresh our abilities to interact with people with differing viewpoints.

**September/October 2018** To put these Civil Discourse activities into action, we will select a topic of concern in our community and host a public meeting to discuss the various facets of the issue,

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