

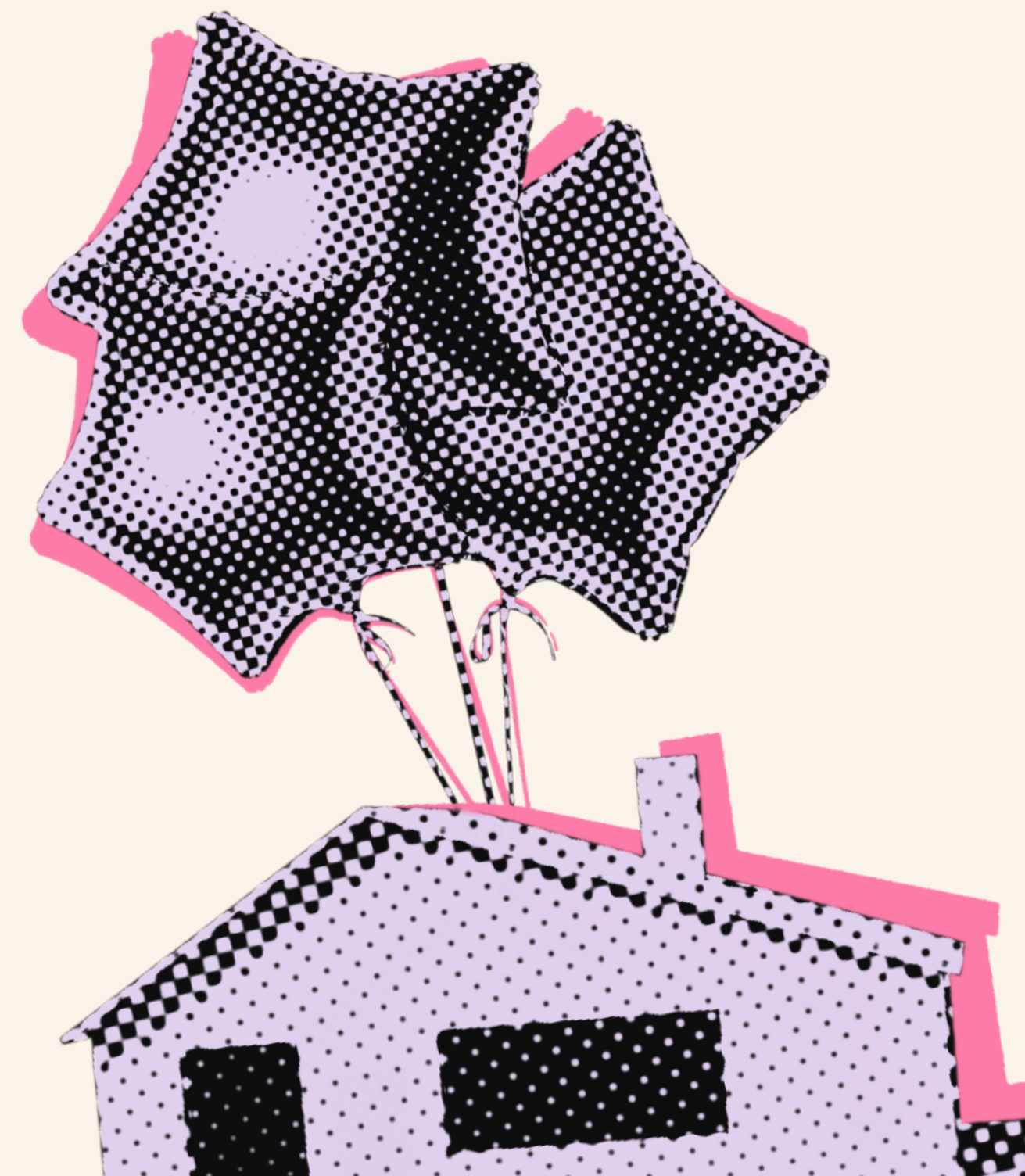
TROUBLEMAKER TRAINING

HOW TO HOST

A KICKASS

HOUSE
PARTY!

RED
WINE
& BLUE
CIVICS



WHAT IS A HOUSE PARTY?

- Gathering of people in your network for casual conversation
- Does not have to be in your home
- Does not have to be a large group



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EACH HOUSE PARTY IS UNIQUE



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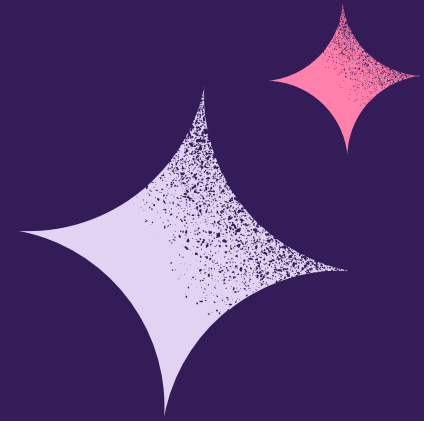
WHY WOULD YOU HOST ONE?

- Build community
- Talk about issues that matter
- Get educated
- Take simple, concrete actions together
- Support each other in staying informed and engaged

GETTING THE BALL ROLLING

- What **matters** to you right now?
- What **elections** are you and your network most concerned with?
- What are you **passionate about**...and want others to learn more about?
- What **conversations** do you wish you were having?
- Who in your network would you like to be **more connected**?

WHY HOUSE PARTIES WORK



**BUILD/STRENGTHEN
RELATIONSHIPS**



**GET PEOPLE TO
TAKE ACTION**



**GENERATE OUTCOMES
& NEXT STEPS**



No expertise required!

WHO SHOULD BE INVITED?



- Close group of girlfriends
- Diverse group from several areas of your life
- Who do you know who.....?
- Encourage inviting friends

Note: It can be small group – too large is actually not great.

WHERE TO HOST?

Hold it in your **home** or a.....

- Friend's home
- Coffee shop
- Community Center
- Library
- Bar/Restaurant
- Playground



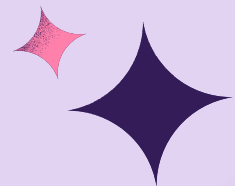
BEFORE THE GET TOGETHER



GET READY TO HOST

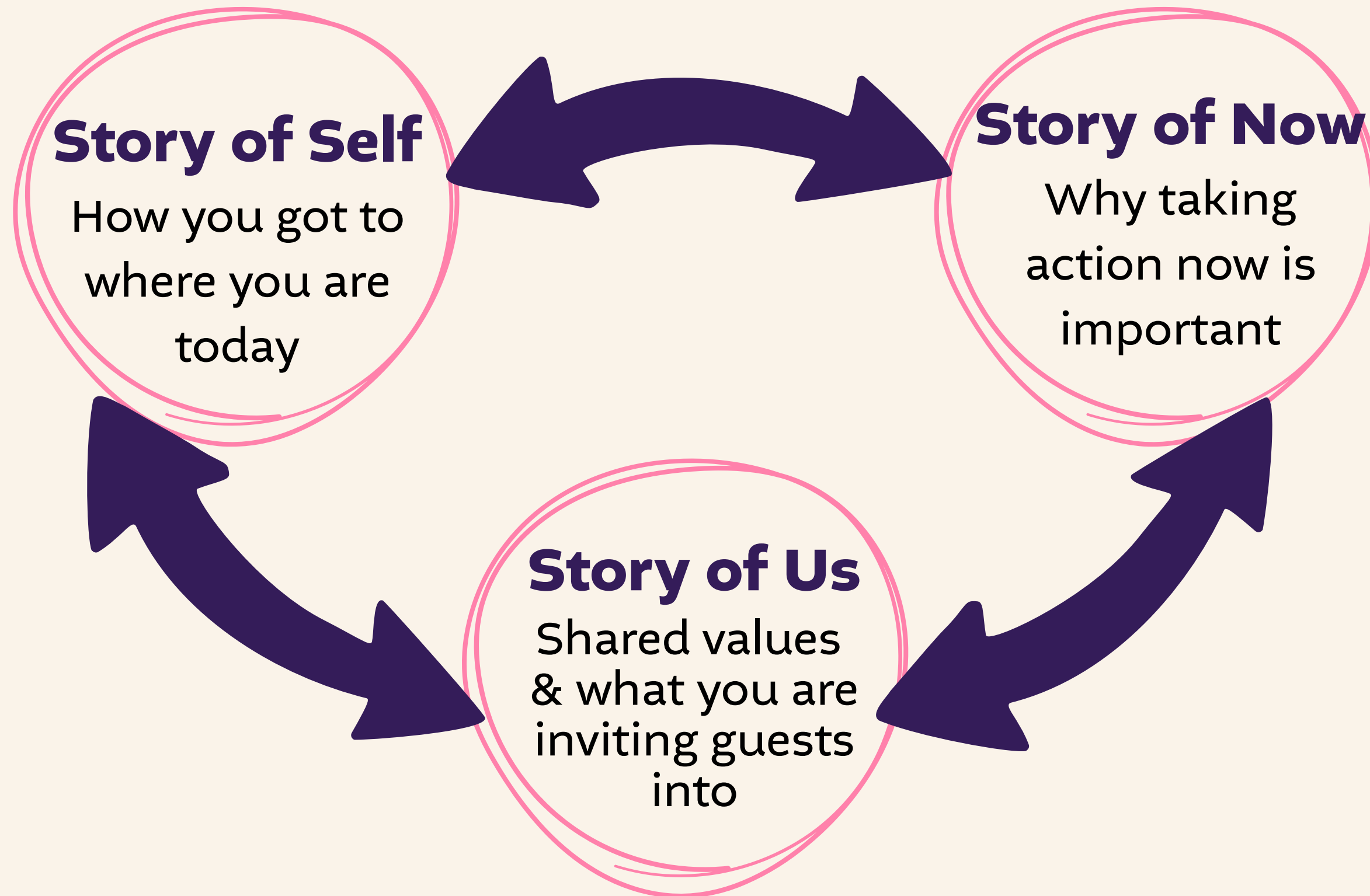
- Send out invitations
- Ask for RSVPs
- Use name tags, if appropriate
- Plan for social time and an ice breaker
- Have an agenda
- Think about how you want to facilitate the conversation

GATHER FACILITATION RESOURCES



- Videos
- Explainers
 - Having Difficult Conversations
 - Story of Self
- Articles
- Podcasts

STORY BUILDING FRAMEWORK





**DURING
THE GET
TOGETHER**

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YOUR ROLE AS A **HOST**

- Welcome people warmly
- Keep conversation respectful and inclusive
- Make sure everyone has a chance to speak
- Help the group decide what happens next



Remember: You are not expected to be an expert.

SUGGESTED **FLOW** FOR YOUR GATHERING

1. Social
2. Welcome - share your story
3. Introductions
4. Icebreaker
5. Conversation
6. Take action together

Allow space for your guests to SHARE.

Plan for 1-½ hours total.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- What **issue feels most urgent** in our community right now?
- What's something **happening nearby** that more people should know about?
- What **motivates you personally** to stay involved in your community, organizing, or elections?
- What helps you **stay hopeful** when things feel overwhelming these days?
- What kind of **change would you love to see** one year from now?

AFTER THE GET TOGETHER



AFTER YOUR GATHERING

- Follow up and thank everyone
- Share next steps from group
- Encourage them to share their experience with friends
- Let us know how it went!

And if you are excited about your house party and want help with what to do next.....

START A CHANGE CIRCLE

- Small gathering of friends
- Talk about issues
- Support each other
- Take simple actions
- Build community
- It could grow into something amazing!



WHERE TO GO FROM HERE

- Download our toolkit
- Choose your event location and date
- Start making plans and your invite list
- Get ready for some magic to happen!

