

THINKING ABOUT HOSTING A HOUSE MEETING?



House Meetings are small group meetings that can happen anywhere. A great one brings people together to meet, connect and plan.

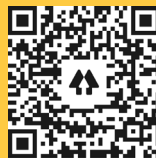
House Meetings have always been a basic foundation of organizing in America – from workers gathering outside the workplace to unionize, to community members meeting in homes and churches during the Civil Rights era. House Meetings are a proven and effective way to create a larger movement. And we need a movement today!

EmpowerED Birmingham is using House Meetings to learn from your experiences and to ask you what would make those experiences better. Afterwards, our Blueprint Design Teams will take these learnings to see how we might

change or amplify the policies, programs and structures that relate to our focus areas – Community Power, Access to Information, and Stronger Community Partnerships.

Help us build this blueprint for our community by holding a House Meeting and sharing the highlights from your conversation with EmpowerED Birmingham.

Use this QR code to access all the links referenced on the next page. You can also find out more about how to be part of the Blueprint Design Teams. Alternatively, please email: together@empoweredbirmingham.com



Wherever you decide to bring your group together, in person or virtually, here are five easy steps that take you from start to finish. You can also find more guidance on hosting a House Meeting in our toolkit – use the QR code to access all our useful links.

1 Welcome the group, allow everyone to introduce themselves and spend a few minutes sharing what inspired you to host or attend this House Meeting.

2 Introduce EmpowerED Birmingham. Give everyone time to read about the coalition and the three focus areas: Community Power, Access to Information, and Stronger Community Partnerships.

TIP: Hand out the 'We are EmpowerEd Birmingham' pamphlet or share the website link so people can look on their phones.

3 Ask the guiding questions for the three focus areas (these can be found in the 'Share with us' sections of the pamphlet). Remember to take notes and share your reflections on the House Meeting with us. You can find the link in the QR code.

TIP: You can assign someone to take notes for you, or try recording the meeting on your phone and then listen back later and make notes.

4 Ask everyone to fill out the reflection survey before they leave so we can record their contributions (follow the link in the QR code). Ask anyone who is interested in joining the movement to make a personal commitment when they fill it out and to visit the website for more information on how to get involved, host a House Meeting, or join a Blueprint Design Team.

5 Share the highlights from the conversation in the form (follow the link in the QR code) and share any pictures you took on Facebook or Instagram using #empoweredbirmingham or tag us in them!



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