

ABORTION REFERENDUM: YOUR ROLE AS A HOST



INVITE 3-10 GUESTS

Once you have decided a date and time for your Chats for Chang you can start inviting guests such as neighbours, friends, family and colleagues. Reach out to people who you know are on the fence, might not vote, or have questions about the referendum - people's whose minds are already made up may not be the best use of your energy.



HAVE A LOOK AT OUR GUIDE TO HAVING PERSUASIVE CONVERSATIONS

If you have time, you might find it helpful to read our guidelines on having persuasive conversations. These can be found on our website too.



PRINT OUT OR BRING A LAPTOP FOR ACCESS TO THE CONVERSATION GUIDE

Before your Chat for Change event make sure to read the Welcome and Conversation Guide fully so you can prepare yourself.



ENSURE EVERYONE FEELS HEARD

Once all your guests have arrived, read out the Welcome and Ground Rules to everyone. It is important to encourage one voice at a time to answer the question and give equal time to all guests. We recommend that the host reads each question out loud and is the first person to answer the question, in order to model how the question can be answered. If someone gives a short answer and you feel they have more to contribute try asking: "Can you expand on that?" or "Why is that?" And if someone talks for too long, kindly restate the question for them saying "So in summary..." Also, if a group discussion breaks out before everyone has shared, kindly ask the person who is next "I'd love to hear your answer to the question..." and repeat the question.



SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Please share your stories and experiences in the Uplift Repeal Campaigners Facebook group. You can also tweet @UpliftIRL and use the hashtag #ChatsForChange with photos and stories of your gathering.