
3 Ways You Can Build a More Welcoming Community



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Honor people's roots through food and gardening

Organizations like Denver Urban Gardens and Sustainable Berea are planting seeds from around the world as an effort to bring familiarity to their immigrant neighbors and create an opportunity to learn more about their cultural backgrounds.



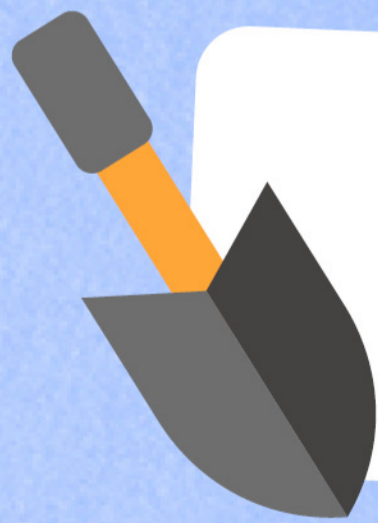
You can do this by:



Asking neighbors which foods or plants they miss from home



Introducing culturally significant produce at local markets or gardens



Encouraging your co-op or community garden to grow global crops

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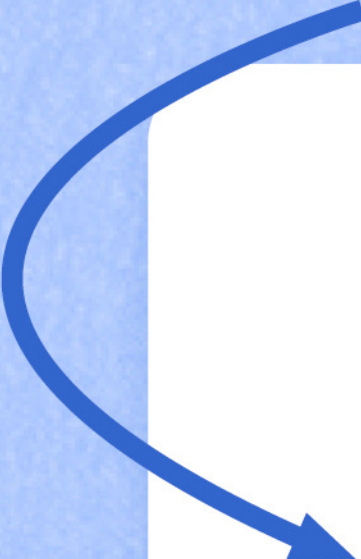


Bring people together around a shared hobby

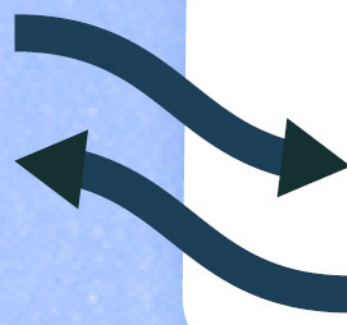
Shared activities have the power to make all of us feel like we belong. For example, Ozark Literacy Council brought people together to collaborate on an internationally-themed quilt and other knitting projects. You don't need to sew to do the same.



Consider:



Inviting a new neighbor to join you in a hobby you enjoy, such as baking, painting, or even watching a favorite sport!



If you do any kind of art, trade skills or patterns with a new neighbor.

Using any shared activities as opportunities for dialogue and connection.



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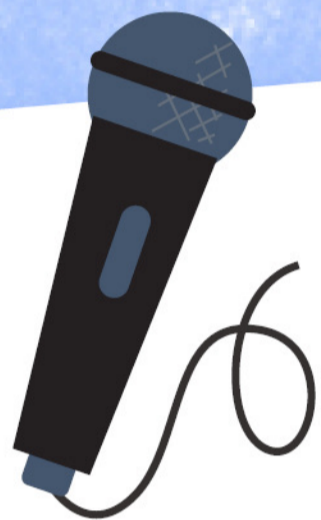


Share your story and invite others to share theirs

Organizations like Global Detroit and Willamette University showcase community stories in museums and events. But belonging also grows in everyday exchanges.

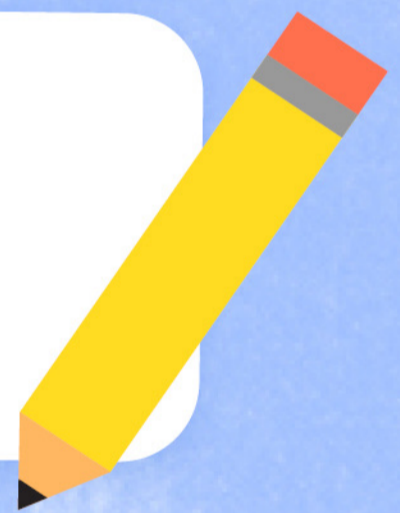


Here is how you could encourage story telling in your community:




Host a story night with guided prompts

Collect short community stories (with consent) for local newsletters or flyers



Celebrate the small exchanges that build belonging





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