



## Advice for the Convener

Thank you for being a Convener for the '2028 – Here Comes the Light' Conversations!

You will have already seen the Guiding Principles for the conversations on the Overview Page. This sheet gives you a little more advice on how to facilitate the conversation, keep the vibration high and the creativity flowing.

Here are some suggestions:

1. If people haven't met each other before it's great for them to introduce themselves with a few words. E.g. "Tell us about you and why you have been drawn to this conversation..." It will give you a great place to start and feel the group energy that you will be leading.
2. Some groups like to start with a short visualisation or meditation that takes the group through time to 2028, so they can feel the energy and excitement of an amazing future.
3. Make sure everyone is aware of the Guiding Principles. Go through them together as a group and see if anyone has any questions.
4. Decide how the groups function, who works together and whether you'd like to stay free and move between the groups if they work with different scenarios, to encourage and support the ideas emerging. In larger groups, this is pretty much a full-time job. In smaller family groups for example both roles (Convener and Participant) are possible.
5. Make sure the contributions are balanced. Some extroverted people talk more and build great energy. Some introverted people talk less and have great ideas. It is your role to draw out the people to share their passion in ways that everyone is heard.
6. If you are convening a group over the internet, it may be helpful to use a facility like 'Zoom' where you have a group and then divide people into breakout rooms to work the scenarios.
7. A mix of all sorts of media is encouraged and it's great to organise the group in a way that has access to different types of materials. Some people will write a story, a report, a speech or even a poem. Others may like to draw pictures, posters, maps or use audio or visual technologies. They also serve as keepsakes to stay focussed on what the future will bring!
8. Encourage the group to share their work on the 2028 Facebook page, or in any other way that helps to build the energy of an awesome future.

***Have amazing conversations that echo the magnificence of humanity!***