

97% felt able to share their thoughts and experiences with other participants

83% feel more comfortable having conversations regarding [today's topic] in my own communities

81% learned new things regarding [today's topic] & the impact it has on the Grtr Richmond community



In Their Own Words:

- ▶ “This was an EXCELLENT event. Thanks so much for inviting me!”
- ▶ “It was a great program, great facilitator, great questions.”
- ▶ “It was fascinating to hear others’ experiences and how their background and life journey has led them to where they are today.”
- ▶ “I loved hearing everyone’s stories and experiences. It is the most important tool for growing and education.”
- ▶ “[I enjoyed] being able to have open discussion about a topic that typically isn’t discussed often.”
- ▶ “Over the course of two hours, we saw tables... go from strangers to people you’d assume had known each other for years, and this was encouraging and moving in its own right.”

About RVA Table Talk

The RVA Table Talk series created opportunities for communities in different sectors to engage in challenging conversations about diversity and inclusion. Each session focused on a topic and gave participants the opportunity to share stories, explore diverse perspectives, and consider action steps to address issues facing the community. Sponsored by Altria Group, the 2017-2018 RVA Table Talk series included programs on class, race, religion, and sexual orientation.

Attendance

- Race (October 25, 2017) – 41 attendees
- Religion (January 18, 2018) – 45 attendees
- Sexual Orientation (February 17, 2018) – 46 attendees
- Class/Socio-Economic Status (March 26, 2018) – 36 attendees

Program Reach

- 2,600+ via email blasts
- 5,200+ via social media

2017 - 2018 RVA Table Talk Program Hosts & Partners

City of Richmond Office of Multicultural Affairs
Diversity Richmond
Henrico County Public Library
Interfaith Community of Greater Richmond
Richmond Public Library
Side by Side
Virginia Holocaust Museum

About VCIC

The Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities works with schools, businesses, and communities to achieve success by addressing prejudices, in all forms, in order to improve academic achievement, increase workplace productivity, and enhance local trust. Through workshops, retreats, and customized programs that raise knowledge, motivation, and skills, VCIC develops leaders who work together to achieve success throughout the Commonwealth.