

# Community Event Guidelines

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## Community Event Guidelines and Values

In the spirit of connecting people and ensuring that all discussions take place in a healthy and constructive manner, it is important to lead by example and promote the highest standards and apply the Centre's core values at our online and in-person events.

### Respect

We value participants at events and recognise that everybody with a confirmed registration has the right to be at and to enjoy the event regardless of background, gender and gender expression, sexual orientation, age, native language, socioeconomic status, national origin, geographical location or any other dimension of diversity.

All participants at events organised by the International Civil Society Centre are expected to uphold a high standard of behaviour. We have a zero tolerance policy for any aggressive, discriminating, disrespectful or otherwise inappropriate behaviour.

If you feel disrespected in any way while participating at an event organised by the International Civil Society Centre, please email [complaints@icscentre.org](mailto:complaints@icscentre.org). Incoming complaints are monitored by the Human Resources and Operations Officer and will be treated with the strictest confidentiality. For further information on the International Civil Society Centre's complaints policy please visit <https://icscentre.org/about-us/complaints/>

### Inclusivity

We value the diversity of views and people who contribute to and attend events organised by the International Civil Society Centre. We strive to ensure every participant has an equal opportunity to participate fully in the event as their peers.

If you have a disability or are neurodivergent and would like to discuss improvements that we can make to remove barriers that may prevent or limit your participation at an event, please contact [mail@icscentre.org](mailto:mail@icscentre.org)

### Group Interaction

Our events are designed to connect participants to enable powerful learnings and lay the foundations for future collaboration. We endeavour to provide all participants with a reasonable and equal opportunity to contribute. When contributing to a discussion, please ensure it is as clear and concise as possible to ensure others can also join the discussion.



## Helpful Interactions

By actively participating and sharing knowledge and experiences we unlock the collective intelligence of the group and help each other navigate challenges, find solutions, share best practices and discover new possibilities.

## Trust

Certain Centre events encourage participants to share sensitive information and we endeavour to provide a trusted environment to promote open and honest exchange without participants having to worry about being quoted publicly. When this is the case, we will announce that the event will be taking place under the Chatham House Rule in advance of and at the beginning of the meeting.

The Rule reads as follows:

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*When a meeting, or part thereof, is held under the Chatham House Rule, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed (ref: Chatham House).*

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You can find out more about the [Chatham House Rule here](#).