

LEARN HOW TO TALK THE TALK IN FOUR EASY STEPS

Georgie Nightingall, Founder of Trigger Conversations, puts words in your mouth

1 Don't open a

conversation with a question. Instead, use a statement. These are less demanding and invite the other person to explore the world with you

2 Ask questions that make people reflect. "Why" is often seen as probing, asking justification for certain actions. "How" and "what" objectively ask someone to describe them

3 Get comfortable with silence. Far from being awkward, it's a powerful tool that energises conversations by refocusing your mind, giving you time to think and open up for more authentic discourse

4 Have conversations in smaller groups. It can feel frustrating when people are happily jumping in on top of each other. The next time you're in a large group, allow yourself to turn to the person next to you and start a smaller chat

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