DEAR CRISIS · HOST GUIDE

Hosting a Dear Crisis gathering

Dear Crisis is a relational response to hard times. We meet in person to grow community and resilience, and to reach a shared understanding of where the world is heading and what we can do about it.

WHO CAN HOST

You have been to two Dear Crisis events in the last six months.
You know how our gatherings feel before you host one.

Your event repeats.
It follows a format or a question that people can return to.

SIGN-UP

List the event on Luma.
Collect name, email, phone number and LinkedIn. Let people choose which details stay private.

Ask thoughtful poll questions.
Two or three short questions on the sign-up form show where the group stands.

For public-facing events, charge at least $5.
A small price shows commitment and covers the host's costs.

Offer a sliding scale.
A low tier keeps price from shutting anyone out. A patron tier lets people who can give more cover people who can't.

IN THE ROOM

Put relationships first and knowledge second.
Leave real time for people to talk with each other.

Welcome the stranger.
Give everyone a name tag, and introduce newcomers to someone.

Share food when you can.
People meet more easily over a meal.

Practice collective gratitude.
Thank the hosts, the speakers, the space and the food, and thank the attendees too. It is a moment to acknowledge our interdependence with one another.

Close with a next step.
Point everyone to the next gathering in your series.

AFTERWARDS

Share the gathering with people who couldn't come.
Take photos and record audio when possible, and say at the start when you are recording. If the group doesn't want AI involved, handwritten notes and photos are just as welcome.