

# What Are Assemblies?

<b>CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY</b>
<b>Deliberative democracy</b>	<b>Deliberative democracy</b>	<b>Deliberative democracy</b>
<b>Group deliberation</b>	<b>Group deliberation</b>	<b>Group deliberation</b>
<b>Informed by experts, stakeholders and people with lived experiences</b>	<b>No external speakers necessary</b>	<b>Informed by experts, stakeholders and people with lived experiences</b>
<b>Random selection called "sortition"</b>	<b>Self-selected</b>	<b>Self-selected</b>
<b>10 - 30 days</b>	<b>Can be as little as 45 minutes</b>	<b>If possible, several hours, but not necessary. 90 minutes to a day.</b>
<b>Inform policy</b>	<b>Inform activists decisions</b>	<b>Inform policy</b>

People's, community, and citizens' assemblies allow people to have an informed and honest conversation, and express their opinions in an organised structured way. They are forms of deliberative democracy used to make recommendations. These assemblies vary in length, complexity, and cost, according to whether the decision affects a few people taking part in a small activity, or the population of an entire country.

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