

# Hosting a Neuroinclusive Housing Event

Strategies to help you plan gatherings that spark ideas, connection, and change.



## 1. Get Clear on Your Goals

- Define the goals that support action in your community
- Identify opportunities for cross-sector collaborations
- Get clear on how the sessions support knowledge sharing and coordinated action
- Identify the key takeaways you want attendees to leave with



## 2. Make Invites Personal & Purposeful

- Consider an invite-only approach, and extend them in multiple rounds
- Invite speakers from impactful projects or those who bring a unique perspective
- Create mutual benefit by inviting people the speakers want to connect with
- Ask your contacts to introduce you to other community leaders you'd like to engage
- Make your invites personal, showing familiarity with the person's work
- Use professional and polished digital invites



## 3. Choose an Inclusive, Comfortable Venue

- Prioritize access to transit, parking, and nearby accommodations
- Choose a space that fits your group size and purpose
- Provide a nice meal to create an opportunity for connection and conversation
- Consider the need for adjustable lighting, temperature, acoustics etc.
- Ensure your tech requirements are met (e.g., microphones, monitors, timers, etc.)



## 4. Support Speakers for a Smooth Event

- Facilitate a dry run of the presentations or an opportunity to try out the tech
- Provide background info or a short orientation video for shared understanding
- Brief speakers on accessible presentation practices



## 5. Go Beyond the Basics of Accessibility

- Offer a variety of spaces with different levels of sensory input
- Encourage attendees to bring focus tools and to move around as needed
- Use social battery pins and allow flexible participation
- Offer a hybrid format, so people can join in-person or online



## 6. Keep the Momentum Going

- Provide fillable business cards or prompts to encourage follow-up
- Send personalized thank-you notes, paired with event photos
- Collect feedback through a short survey,
- Plan for a subsequent event, follow-up meeting, or opportunity to share resources