Host a one-hour AI safety discussion

Starter · 1–3 hours · Free · Step-by-step guide

Online version: https://ai-safety-sandbox.vercel.app/projects/host-a-discussion-session/

Summary

Pick one short reading, invite 4–8 people, and run a focused one-hour discussion with three good questions.

Why it matters

Many people in AI safety got involved through a friend or a reading group, and hosting one is something a beginner can do straight away.

What you will have at the end

A run session and a one-page guide others can reuse.

Steps (tick each box as you go)

- [ ] **1. Choose a short reading (20 min)**
  Under 20 minutes to read. One of the “idea lists” or explainers on a theme page works well.
- [ ] **2. Write three questions (20 min)**
  One to check understanding, one that splits the room, one about what to do next.
- [ ] **3. Invite people (20 min)**
  Ask 4–8 people personally. A personal invite beats a poster.
- [ ] **4. Run it (1 hr)**
  Ten minutes of silent reading if people have not read it, then your three questions. Keep it friendly and welcome basic questions.
- [ ] **5. Close the loop (15 min)**
  Share the reading and suggest a project each person could try next.

What you need

- A room or video call
- 4–8 people

What you will learn

- Facilitation
- How to grow a community

Source and links

Written for this site

AISCU — AI Safety Cardiff University
https://aiscu.org/

When you have finished

Write a few paragraphs on what you did, what you found and what you would try next, and share it with a friend, your society or online.

Courses, mentors, small grants and communities:
https://ai-safety-sandbox.vercel.app/next-steps/

Questions? Ask in AI Safety Cardiff University (AISCU): https://aiscu.org/

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