

POD STARTER CARD — ten-ish neighbours who know each other's names

Hand this to anyone who says "I'd host." The full recipe is the Block Circle starter kit at unitetolove.ca/kits — 10 households, doorstep script, "kids welcome, food shared, nobody pays." This card is the Beaches–East York cover: what makes a pod work here.

What a pod is

8–15 neighbours, close enough to walk to each other, who do small things together: a shared meal, a check-in list for the heat wave, a hand for the neighbour moving a couch, ten people who show up when the assembly meets. **Not** a membership, a chapter, or a committee. Free to join, free to leave, nothing to sign.

Start it (this week, not someday)

1. **Name your three.** Three people in the riding you actually know — invite them yourself, in person or by text. A neighbour's word is the whole technology.
2. **First gathering = food, 60 minutes, zero agenda** beyond one round of "what would make this street better?" Doorstep-invite the houses/floor between you (script in the kit).
3. **Pick the pairings on purpose:** every pod needs a mentor next to a beginner and a skeptic next to a dreamer. All-enthusiasts is a list, not a crew.
4. **Name the next host at the first meeting** — and the split rule: **when you hit 15, you split into two pods of 8**, and the new host is already trained. Say it out loud on day one.
5. **Keep one gathering a month unprogrammed.** No ask, no task, no metric. The pod that is fun outlives the pod that is worthy.

Comms

- Day-to-day: whatever the pod already uses. Public coordination joins the shared space when it opens.
- **Anything about a person's needs, health, address, or situation: Signal only, or paper.** Never in a group chat, never in Discord, never in email. (The Signal setup guide is at unitetolove.ca/kits.)
- The pod speaks for itself, in its own name. It is not a branch of anything.

The pod's three standing asks (all optional, always)

Come to the assembly when it meets · take one mutual-aid match when you can · bring one more neighbour than last time.