



WORLD CAFE

A World Café is a great way of fostering interaction and dialogue with both large and small groups. It is particularly effective in surfacing the collective wisdom of large groups of diverse people. The café format is very flexible and adapts to many different purposes - information sharing, relationship building, deep reflection exploration and action planning.

When planning a café, make sure to leave ample time for both moving through the rounds of questions and some type of whole-group harvest.

Operating principles of World Cafe:

- Create hospitable space
- Explore questions that matter
- Encourage each person's contribution
- Connect diverse people and ideas
- Listen together for patterns, insights and deeper questions
- Make collective knowledge visible

General Flow of a World Café:

1. Seat 4-5 people at café-style tables or in conversation clusters.
2. Set up progressive rounds of conversation, usually of 20-30 minutes each - have some good questions!
3. Ask one person to stay at the table as a "host" and invite the other table members to move to other tables as ambassadors of ideas and insights
4. Ask the table host to share key insights, questions and ideas briefly to new table members, and then let folks move through the rounds of questions.
5. After you've moved through the rounds, allow some time for a whole-group harvest of the conversations.

Cafe Etiquette

- Focus on what matters
- Listen to understand
- Contribute your thinking
- Speak your mind and heart
- Link and connect ideas
- Listen together for themes, insights, deeper questions
- Play, Doodle, Draw - HAVE FUN!

Video:

What is World Cafe? : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YG_6iBcyP7w

More info:

World Cafe to Go: <http://www.theworldcafe.com/pdfs/cafetogo.pdf>

World Cafe in general: <http://www.theworldcafe.com>

