

Connection Circles

Instructions

Participants sit in one large group circle. The facilitator holds a talking piece of his/her choosing. The talking piece should have some sort of significance or meaning for the facilitator. The facilitator first establishes the ground rules of the circle.

Ground Rules

1. We **maintain** the shape of the circle.
2. We **listen attentively** to others and refrain from interrupting.
3. Before exercising the right to pass, we challenge ourselves to **participate** and **contribute** in discussion.
4. We offer feedback, suggestions, and opinions in a **respectful** and **inclusive** manner.
5. We use a talking piece **appropriately**.

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