

FULL CIRCLE

Overview

A participatory process to gather a lot of data from a large group in a short amount of time.

Purpose

- Communication
- Gathering data
- Reflection

Supplies

- Flip chart paper, marker pens

Number of people

12 – 100+

Time required

30 – 90 minutes

Activity Flow

1. Introduction

- Identify the topics to be explored
- Post the topics around the room on flip chart paper

2. Topic Selection

- Introduce the activity and describe the topics.
- If appropriate, describe how they were developed and by whom.
- Invite participants to select one topic that they feel most passionate/excited/concerned about, and go and stand by that topic.

3. Brainstorm

- Clarify the type of information you are wanting each group to generate:
 - ideas
 - solutions
 - barriers etc
- Each group spends a few minutes at their chosen topic brainstorming comments and writing them on the flip chart.
- After a few minutes, ask groups to move on to the next topic. Remind groups to only add new/different ideas.
- Repeat until all topics have been covered by each group.

4. Analyse

Groups return to their original topic and process the information:

- summarise
- identify top three priorities etc.
- Each group selects one person to report back.
- The rest of the group sits down

5. Report and Debrief

- Hear a brief report on the analysis only from each spokesperson.
- Conduct a debrief of the activity and clarify the next steps.