

World Cafe Lite

Source: <http://www.theworldcafe.com/>

Overview

People discuss a topic of importance in small groups, over three 10-minute rounds. This is a modified version of the World Cafe process.

Purpose

- Communication
- Diversity

Supplies

- Chairs – one for each person
- Timer
- Sticky notes/cards and pens (optional)

Time

- 40 – 90 minutes

Number of Players

- 12 – 100+

Activity Flow

- Remove all the tables and seat people facing in other in groups of four
- Identify a group host and explain their role (to stay in the same place and to welcome new people to the group NB: their role is NOT to keep notes)
- Introduce the topic and explain that there will be three 10-minute conversations
- After the first 10 minutes is up, ring a bell and invite everyone except the group host to find a new group of four. Encourage mixing.
- Repeat the last step after another 10 minutes

Variations

- Can ask for 3- 5 important ideas that emerged from their conversations – these can be written on stickies and used for a follow-up process if necessary
- Could also capture the key ideas using a graphic facilitator who creates a group drawing
- Could also create a group mind-map of the key ideas