

Wheel of learning



Why play this game?

Promotes active listening, synthesizing information and articulating opinion. This game also encourages reflection on key ideas and open dialogue between participants.

How does it work?

1. Split group into two concentric circles with the inner and outer circles facing each other in pairs.
2. State the prompt or topic for the discussion and give the inner circle partner 2 minutes to speak with the outer partner only listening (try not to talk, smile, nod, interrupt or move and maintain as much natural eye contact as possible).
3. Then the outer partner speaks about their ideas on the prompt or topic without answering, interpreting or reflecting on the first partner's contribution (the inner circle partner does their best to listen in the same manner as described above).
4. Once both partners have spoken the inner circle rotates one space.
5. The process above repeats although this time both partners are encouraged to briefly summarise their previous partner's contribution before giving their own. One more rotation takes place and the process repeats again with each partner summarising both previous partner contributions before giving their own.

What do we need?

Nothing unless you plan to mix it up (see below).

Let's mix it up!

- Allow participants to take notes as an aide memoir
- Get both circles spinning in opposite directions
- Allow conversation rather than speaking and active listening to see how the dialogue and atmosphere change
- Do all three of the above things!