

Welcome to the Global Café

Let's assume that people are capable to master even complex challenges by using creativity and wisdom. Everybody knows something, nobody knows everything.

Now we want to concentrate on putting our deeper knowledge on the table, so that we can use it all.

Imagine you are in a coffee break of a learning event. You can think and talk freely with others. You can move from table to table, listen to new people, and tell your opinions. You discover new ideas and your mind opens to new perspectives.

Go with the flow, as everybody moves thoughts across the room, and try out new possibilities to get to surprising solutions. Put your ideas and views on the table. It's also okay to just listen and observe.

Round 1: 20 Minutes

Up to 6 participants start at each table with the main question. Everybody visibly adds thoughts to it on the table cover. Make the discussion visible as well. If things off topic come to your mind, write them on a separate paper for later use. At the end, select a single person as "witness" as everybody else moves to another table.

Round 2: 20 Minutes

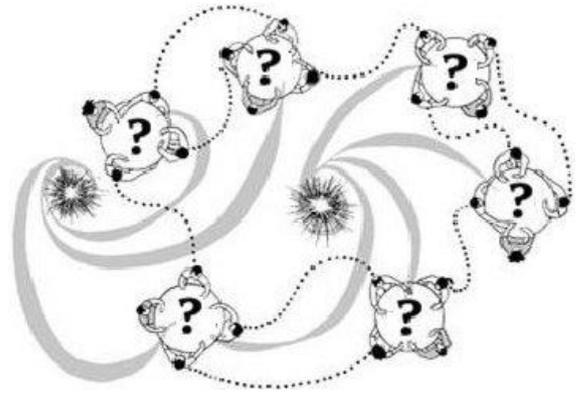
Everybody except for the "witnesses" travels to another table. Become an "ambassador" of your former table by representing the group's views and discussion. Put key thoughts, themes and questions into the talk. The "witness" welcomes everybody and tells the story about what happened at this table before. Look at the main question again, its sub-questions or new questions until you change tables again. Observe how thoughts deepen and link to others.

Round 3: 20 Minutes

Again travel to another table or go back to your old one. Only the old or a new "witness" stays. Each group fills up the table cover with their thoughts. Listen well; concentrate on contents, patterns and insights. See your link to the big picture. Be eager to show what the group has done.

Wrap up: 20 Minutes

Now you can show your findings and discoveries to the plenary. Everybody has the chance to link to the answers and question, which are now everywhere in the room. Feel the collective wisdom awake. Engage in collaborative action.



- Focus on what matters.
- Listen to really understand.
- Bring in your own views and perspectives.
- Speak and listen with heart and mind.
- Use and link ideas of others.
- Look for new insights and more meaningful questions.
- Make ideas visible.
- Play, scribble, draw on the table covers.
- Eat, drink, be happy.
- Have fun enjoying yourself!