

IMPACT Leaflet No. 5c

Quick discussion techniques

Purpose

To create an opportunity for active participation, even in very large meetings, by scheduling a brief discussion period.

Process

Ask people in the group to pair up with someone next to them.

Variation 1:

In two minutes each, ask them to talk about the most important ideas that have been expressed and what action the organization might take in relation to it. While one person talks, the other should just listen.

Variation 2:

Instead of alternating as talkers and listeners, allow for four minutes of dialogue. (Optional: Announce when two minutes are up and remind pairs to give partners equal time.)

Variation 3:

Combine previous two versions. Spend one minute apiece talking as in no. 1 and two minutes in dialogue as in no. 2.