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### Name: Open Space

**Goal:** *The method encourages collaboration, creativity, and flexibility, with a focus on peer-led discussions and spontaneous ideas.*

### Short Description

*The Open Space Method is a participatory and self-organizing approach to meetings or workshops where participants create and manage their own agenda around a central theme or issue. At the start, the facilitator introduces the broad topic, and then participants suggest discussion topics they are passionate about. These topics are posted, and participants freely choose which discussions to join based on their interests. It works well for fostering innovation, addressing complex issues, and engaging all participants in meaningful conversations.*

### Step-by-Step Guidance

1. Define a clear theme (formulate an inviting, open-ended guiding question)
2. Prepare the space (a large room and materials)
3. Explain the process and the 4 principles: 1. Whoever comes is the right people, 2. Whatever happens is the only thing that could, 3. Whenever it starts is the right time, 4. When it is over, it is over
4. Participants propose sessions themselves by writing title and name on a sticky note and announcing it (topic, time and location) briefly to the group
5. Participants attend whichever session they are drawn to
6. End with a closing circle to share takeaways or insights (optional)



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