

**“What knowledge am I bringing
to Knowledge from the
Margins?”**

A warm-up dialogue

Shortlink to materials &

sources: <http://bit.ly/KFM2015>

The turn-taking dialogue process is primarily a way for each person to listen well to themselves given what they hear others -- and themselves -- say.

From listening well to oneself follows well-informed commitment to act and action—we learn from others, but we don't expect the action that follows derives from our having found a single synthetic voice.

Goals

Tangible

1. Introduce some of the KFM participants to a five-phase format used in group meetings that are reflective and generative.
2. You add to or clarify your thinking about “What knowledge (incl. hopes, arguments, questions) am I bringing to KFM?”

Goals

Experiential

The experience of listening to yourself given what you hear others -- and yourself -- say is positive enough that

1. You are prepared to help make the 5-phase format work in a large-group setting at the close of KFM.

2. You carry into your participation during KFM the thinking that the session adds or clarifies about "What knowledge (incl. hopes, arguments, questions) am I bringing to KFM?"

Guided Freewriting

"When asked 'what knowledge (incl. hopes, arguments, questions) am I bringing to KFM?', the questions, conclusions, connections, feelings that come to mind include..."

Check-in

One thing that is on top for you as you come into this warm-up KFM session.

Share this with a neighbor.

Guidelines for contributions to the turn-taking dialogue

1. Meaning evolves through collaborative exploration of the topic

- minimize assertions of ideas
- make the entire thought process visible
- speak in ways that invite others
- listen well

2. Turn-taking

- . *Not in the speaking circle (if applicable)*, use 3x5 notecards to record a question or observation. Pass those in.
- . *In speaking circle*, weave the concerns you read into your subsequent contributions.

3. No need for questions to be answered right away

4. Keep spoken contributions short

5. Periods of silence are OK

6. Confidentiality = container

Personal syntheses

Spend a few minutes writing down what has emerged that is most meaningful for you.

Closing Circle

Share something you plan to chew on from the session.

Keep these short—a word or short phrase may be sufficient

Sources—<http://bit.ly/TYS2012>

