

Open Space

We will be conducting a session called “Open Space”

What is Open Space? It is a self-organizing practice of inner discipline and collective activity which releases the inherent creativity and leadership in people. By inviting people to take responsibility for what they care about, Open Space establishes a marketplace of inquiry, reflection and learning, bringing out the best in both individuals and the whole.

This means that the agenda for Open Space comes from....You. Yes, you reading this! The morning topics are drawn from the input we received on the feedback form people completed with their registration.

We will have some time this afternoon to create additional topics. If you have something you'd like to learn more about, create an Open Space topic. You DO NOT need to lead this group, or have the the answers, you are simply convening a group that will hold space about this topic.

There is one Law and Four Principles for Open Space...

- The Law of Two Feet means you take responsibility for what you care about standing up for that and using your own two feet to move to whatever place you can best contribute and/or learn.

Four Principles

- Whoever comes is the right people
- Whatever happens is the only thing that could've
- When it starts is the right time
- When it's over, it's over
 - 30 minutes for lunchtime session
 - 45 minutes for afternoon session

We hope that Open Space will prove to be a rich experience for you, be on alert for potential topics, themes, or issues that you'd be interested in convening an Open Space session on.

To Begin: Welcome everyone to your breakout group!

Introduce yourselves - name, pronouns, school/org/role

Be sure to include a reminder about our space today: Please do not touch anything or move anything in these rooms. These are the Committee rooms of our legislators and we have been asked to leave the space exactly as it was when we entered. We appreciate you caring for the space.

Then: Open the conversation by inviting each participant to share their thoughts on the topic of the Open Space.