

Fishbowl – Instructions

Fishbowling information is useful to share information and perspectives of members of one group with those of another. The instructions below will assist in your construction of a fishbowling exercise.

Step 1: When all groups have concluded their research or read a selected article they are ready to share their findings. This can be done by using a fishbowl exercise, with one group forming an ‘inner circle’ where they discuss their findings with each other, while the another forms an ‘outer circle’, with their backs towards the inner circle, and listens and records the discussions of the first group. The rule is that those in the outer circle can only listen, and cannot contribute to the discussion in the inner circle.

Step 2: When the inner circle discussions have ended, the groups swap, so that the inner circle becomes the outer, and vice versa. Repeat steps 1 and 2 until all groups have heard from one another. **Remember to record the discussions in the table under the appropriate column headings.**