



CONTROLLED DIALOGUE

BRIEF SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY

Participants will discuss in pairs a particular topic. The activity focus on listening and summarising skills, so each person in the pair will have to listen and summarise the other person arguments before presenting their own.

AIM OF THE ACTIVITY

to learn to listen and understand each othermake possible dialogue between people from different background

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Alternative ways to dialogue/interviewsPreparation of interviews with not majority language-speakers or people with speech impediments.

EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS REQUIRED

Facilitation and listening skills.

INFRASTRUCTURE, SETTING, RESOURCES

A big room or two rooms to facilitate the discussion.

LENGTH

Introduction+Dialogues+Feedback-Round 30 min max.

MATERIALS

no materials required

DESCRIPTION

HOW THE ACTIVITY SHOULD TAKE PLACE

Divide the participants' group into different pairs. Find topics to discuss (real topics) and try to offer different points of view. Then let them talk with each other in different parts of the room or different rooms.If person A starts to talk, person B has to wait till the end and then Person B starts their intervention with a summary of what person A said before he/she answers or follows the topic. Then A has to wait and summarise B's and so

on so for for about 10 minutes. The Trainer is checking around to give short feedback to the quality of the listening and summarising. Afterwards the group feedback about difficulties.

RECOMMENDED MAX. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS AND TRAINEES TO TRAINERS RATIO

10 to 14 to 1 for Vision Impaired/blind learners or Trainees with learning difficulties.

RISK AND POSSIBLE ADAPTATION

VARIATIONS

TIPS FOR TRAINERS

This is a good introductory activity for the interviewing module, and the trainer could highlight the importance of listening to your interviewee and conduct the interview as a dialogue and not restricted to a pre-arrange set of questions.

ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION

The trainer will feedback on the observation during the exercise. Participants will evaluate the experience of listening and summarising. What have they learn from it?

SCHEDULING

At the start of interviewing module.