



# OPEN SPACE MEETINGS

## WHAT THEY ARE, HOW THEY WORK

A forum where participants offer topics and others participate according to interest.

Elements of an open space meeting include:

- No agenda, just a general topic or “invitation”.
- Participants to create the agenda at the beginning of the meeting or event by posting and prioritizing issues on a bulletin board.
- A number of breakout sessions/conversations take place from the issues bulletin board.
- Participants can choose which sessions they are interested in joining and can move on to another at any time.



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PROS	CONS
<p>Provides structure for giving people opportunity and responsibility to create valuable outcome or experience.</p> <p>Includes immediate summary of discussion.</p>	<p>Most important issues could get lost in the shuffle.</p> <p>Can be difficult to get accurate reporting of results.</p>