

RESTORATIVE COMMUNITY BUILDING CIRCLE FORMAT (SUGGESTED)

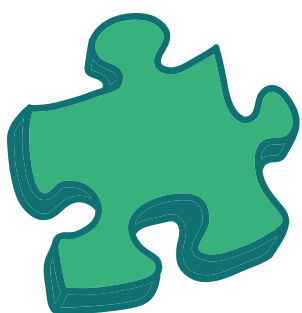
HELLO

WELCOME TO THE CIRCLE

Welcome participants into the circle, and if desired do a welcoming activity such as deep breathing, setting an intention or having everyone write down something they need to let go of to be present in the circle.

REVIEW CIRCLE NORMS/VALUES

Read or recite the agreed upon circle norms and gather consensus from the participants that everyone agrees to the norms for the circle. This helps give voice.



INTRODUCE THE TALKING PIECE

Everyone gets a chance to speak when they have the talking piece, and the opportunity to actively listen when they do not. It creates shared power.

OPENING OR CHECK-IN ROUND

The initial question or check-in round. A great time to ask people how they are arriving in the circle. If the circle will have more serious or focused question, consider starting with an easier or fun starting question to transition in..



DISCUSSION ROUNDS

The discussion rounds can be as many as seem needed. The topic of the circle directly impacts the feel and flow of the circle.

CLOSING ROUND OR ACTIVITY

This can be a closing question, or a fun or serious activity, depending on the focus of your circle..



SOUND SUPPORTS