

# CEIEC Conference

## Action learning circles

### *Learning at the conference and beyond* **Some notes for contributors**

#### **What is it?**

An action learning circle consists of a group of people who wish to work together to learn more about a specific area or idea of interest. It is based on structured dialogue by participants on a specific area or idea of interest.

#### **Why have them?**

At the conference we are offering action learning circles to enable participants to:

- Engage in an in-depth conversation about a specific area of interest or specific ideas from the keynotes and featured workshops
- Opt to continue to learn about a specific area of interest or idea beyond the conference
- Network with others who share a specific area of interest.

#### **How do they differ from workshops and seminars?**

Action learning circles will:

- limit formal input from presenters to 5 mins
- allow opportunity for indepth discussion by participants
- have the potential to continue post-conference by accessing resources on-line to continue your learning or link with others.

#### **What will happen in an action learning circle?**

Each learning circle will be chaired by designated person whose job it is to:

- invite brief (5 mins) comments by up to 3 learning 'provocateur' on the topic of interest. Each learning provocateur will offer a different perspective on the focus topic or idea and will have been invited by the Conference Team to take this role prior to the conference.
- chair a dialogue with participants about their perspectives and understandings
- collect questions and issues from the group
- circulate a 'further learning' invitation to members
- prepare a short report on the issues from the circle to presented to the conference via an informal poster for the final day.

#### **Some questions and provocations to learning**

- How do we understand this idea or issue?
- How many ways are there to understand this issue or idea?
- Who benefits from these different understandings?
- What are the effects of these understandings?
- What questions do we have?
- What would we like to understand more about?
- What can we agree on?

- What are our points of disagreement?
- What actions would you like to see from this conversation?

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## TOPIC OR IDEA EXPLORED IN YOUR ACTION LEARNING CIRCLE

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### Participants comments

**Name:**

**Email address:**

**Postal address**

Would you like to have additional learning resources on this topic?

What resources would you like?

Would you like to be on an email list with others interested in this topic?

Is there any action you would like to take as a result of your discussion today?

Would you be interested to participate in research on this topic?

Would you be interested to contribute a short note on this learning institute to the CEIEC newsletter?

Are there any resources you have on this topic or idea you could share with others?

*Please detail:*