

Goals and Objectives

To provide a forum where inquisitive people can come together to share ideas, learn from each other and the great philosophical minds, and provide a benefit to the community and society. To achieve this we need to:

- Provide a safe and welcoming place where new and experienced people get involved.
- Share complex information in a easy to understand format
- Structure the dialogue in a way that prioritizes allowing the participants to voice the concerns, experiences, and opinions
- To ensure the discussion flows in accordance with the intended topic
- To manage the risks that often occur and prevent us from ensuring that **safe** and welcoming environment. These risks include:
 - Individuals that are angry or confrontational
 - Individuals that are more interested in their opinions than learning
 - People that hog the floor
 - People that take the discussion in an unproductive direction

Meeting Facilitation Guidelines

The Process and Actions

What is Socratic Method?

Socratic method is:

- a form of cooperative argumentative **dialogue** between individuals, based on asking and answering questions to stimulate critical thinking and to draw out ideas and underlying presumptions.
- a style of education involving a conversation in which a student is asked to question their assumptions. It is a forum for open-ended inquiry, one in which both student and teacher can use probing questions to develop a deeper understanding of the topic.

Socratic questioning is disciplined questioning that can be used to pursue thought in many directions and for many purposes, including: to explore complex ideas, to get to the truth of things, to open up issues and problems, to uncover assumptions, to analyze concepts, to distinguish what we ...