


Name	Fishbowl
Brief Description	<i>It is a method to organize presentations and group dialogues that offers the benefits of small group discussions – most notably, a spontaneous, conversational approach to discussing issues – within large group settings.</i>
Methodology	The Fishbowl activity consists of arranging the room so that the speakers are seated in the center of the room (the fishbowl) with other participants sitting around them in concentric circles. It is frequently used in events such as unconferences, as it allows bigger participation of the audience, whose members can join the “fishbowl” whenever they feel they have something to say and as long as there are free seats. Normally, in this configuration, a few chairs are left free by the speakers for whomever to join. The person joining can abandon the fishbowl when desired, leaving a free space for some other to partake.
Estimated planning time needed:	1-2h
Objective	It is frequently used in breakout sessions, working groups or world cafés to summarize small group’s discussions.
Time estimated:	30 min to 2h
Composition of audience:	All audiences suit this format
Experience level required:	All audiences suit this format
Number of audience:	> 40
Level of complexity and possible challenges	High - The presenter should have good knowledge and organisational skills.
Picture	
Relevant sources	M. R. Miller, J. J. Benz (2008) Techniques for Encouraging Peer Collaboration: Online Threaded Discussion or Fishbowl Interaction, Journal of Instructional Psychology, Vol. 35 Issue 1, p87-93. 7p.

	<p>P Flor, A De Meulemeester, T Allen (2013), <u><i>Use of the fishbowl method for a discussion with a large group</i></u>: https://biblio.ugent.be/publication/8570093/file/8570094</p>
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