

Name	The Socratic Café®
Brief Description	<i>The Socratic Café (also known as Socrates Café) is a democratic discussion forum based on the more commonly known Socratic Method, which focuses its intentions on being an open system that allows for philosophical questioning</i>
Methodology	<p>Socratic cafés require the presence of a facilitator to make sure that everyone has the chance to speak and makes sure everything remains respectful. It unfolds in the following way:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The central topic of discussion is chosen by the group via a common deliberation • all ideas for discussion questions should be voiced and written down in a visible space, so that everyone can see. The main question is then chosen via consensus. • The group will then have a facilitated discussion of around 1h-long, where the point of view of each participant is taken into account <p>Ideally, a Socratic Café should finish with a conclusion that is accepted by all via consensus; however, it might not be the case in all discussions and should not be forced.</p>
Estimated planning time needed:	1h
Objective	Aims at being an open system that allows for philosophical questioning, based on the Socratic method
Time estimated:	1-2h
Composition of audience:	Heterogeneous
Experience level required:	Low
Number of audience:	<10
Level of complexity and possible challenges	Low

Picture



Relevant sources

<https://participedia.net/method/181>
<http://www.socratescafemn.org/>