


Name	The forum theatre
Brief Description	<i>The forum theatre (FT) is a method of the pedagogically-politically motivated theatre of the oppressed. It is a special interactive form of performance in which the audience is invited to take part in the game. The audience can try out ideas for solutions and changes for a theatrically portrayed conflict or a social problem. When playing the scene repeatedly, the audience can replace roles and work through proposed solutions to the problem or conflict, while the remaining actors react to the ideas and improvise. Possible consequences of action are made immediately visible and tangible - action and knowledge are developed and reflected together in such a dramatic laboratory</i>
Methodology	<p>A forum theatre works on four, iterative phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define a common problem and the different actors involved. • Assign roles to participants and run a simulation of the problem • Discuss the results and the conflicting points; collectively draft a set of possible solutions to the problem based on the experience of the simulation • Run other iterations of the forum theatre, exchanging the roles among participants <p>At the end of the forum theatre, participants gather to finalise the set of possible solutions to the problem</p>
Estimated planning time needed:	2h
Objective	Explore issues and possible conflicts from a different perspective via role-playing; finding innovative solutions to tangible problems close to the participants
Time estimated:	1-4h
Composition of audience:	Heterogeneous
Experience level required:	Medium - participants should have at least a basic understanding of the problem
Number of audience:	< 10
Level of complexity and possible challenges	Medium - the facilitator should be able to frame the problem to participants and let them feel comfortable during the role-playing

<p>Picture</p>	
<p>Relevant sources</p>	<p> https://www.buergergesellschaft.de/mitentscheiden/methoden-verfahren/buergerbeteiligung-in-der-praxis-methoden-und-verfahren-von-a-z/?tx_smmethods_smmethods%5Bmethod%5D=16&tx_smmethods_smmethods%5Baction%5D=show&tx_smmethods_smmethods%5Bcontroller%5D=Method&cHash=2f2b0080bfd7da55fdbfcb02fcba653 https://www.involve.org.uk/resources/methods/forum-theatre https://cardboardcitizens.org.uk </p>