Room A Room B

10am

11am

1pm

Typical Flow of an Open Space

In the beginning a facilitator reads out the theme of this particular Open Space, followed by the general Principles and the Law. Then the floor opens for everyone to briefly introduce a topic they want to talk about. This session topic can be anything that fits within the theme. They then place their session into a time slot and room on a big bulletin board. At the set time and space everyone interested in the topic shows up to discuss it. The original suggester has to take notes that are made available to all Open Space participants afterwards.

Guiding Principles

1. **Whoever comes is the right people**
   You don't need 50 people and the CEO in your discussion group to get great results

2. **Whenever it starts is the right time**

3. **Wherever it happens is the right place**
   No need to stick to conference rooms. The lounge is great, too

4. **Whatever happens is the only thing that could have happened**

5. **When it's over, it's over**
   Even if there are time slots to help organize you can ignore these. Finish early or overrun depending on the flow of the discussion

Law of two Feet

If at any time during our time together you find yourself in any situation where you are neither learning nor contributing, use your two feet, go someplace else.

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What part of a conference is most interesting and valuable to you? If it's the discussions during breaks and informal evening gatherings, you are not alone. Open Space Technology enables participant-driven gatherings with lively discussions and without prior agenda.