

Collaborative Conversations

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Structure

- Introductions
- Exercise 1
- Benefits of good communication
- Tools and approaches
- Disagreement
- A facilitative approach, teamwork
- Exercise 2
- Communicative virtues

My interests

- Biochemistry
- Science and technology studies
- Transdisciplinarity
- Dialogue and Deliberation
- Community engagement and facilitation
- Responsible Innovation

Exercise 1

Arrange yourselves in groups according to your course/speciality.

Hands up if you are in PP2

How comfortable and confident are you in communicating generally?

How good are you at communicating?

Exercise 1

Why did we do this exercise?

Benefits of good communication?

- Information flow
 - information
 - understanding
- Decision making
 - Collaborative
 - Informed, relevant
- Relationships
 - Teams
 - Clients, stakeholders/users

Dialogue

- Building shared meaning through words
- Speaking, listening, reflection
- Requires time and relationships
- Can underpin decision making

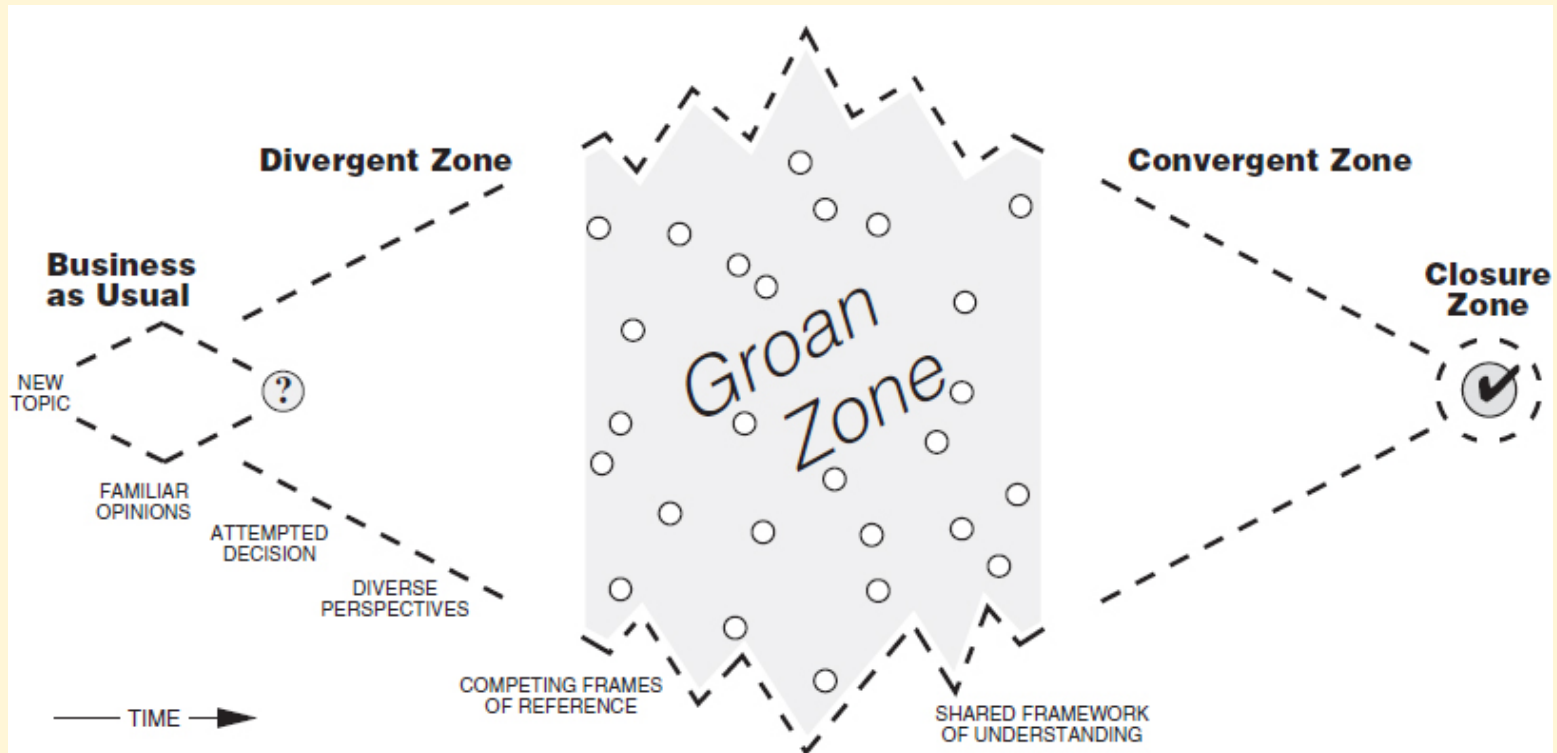
Deliberation

- Involves diverse perspectives and interests
- Access to full information and time to consider
- Reasoning, holding arguments to account (including moral reasoning)
- Respect and openness to changing views
- Constructive, commitment to resolution

Elements & strategies for good communication

- Reasoning, justification – critical thinking
- Listening – suspending judgment
- Reflection – reflexivity
- Difference, disagreement - curiosity

Working with disagreement



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A facilitative approach to communication

- Pay attention to process as well as content
- Use facilitative technique and design
- Be curious, suspend judgment
- 'Hold the space' through disagreement
- Think for the group

Teamwork

Groundwork

- Purpose – why are you doing this work?
- Need – who will benefit?
- Cultural, structural, strategic, practical

Exercise 2

In your teams, develop a set of principles for how you will work together.

One volunteer to pay attention to process and make suggestions.

Think for the group.

Communicative Virtues

- Integrity
- Humility
- Generosity
- Vulnerability

Thank you!

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