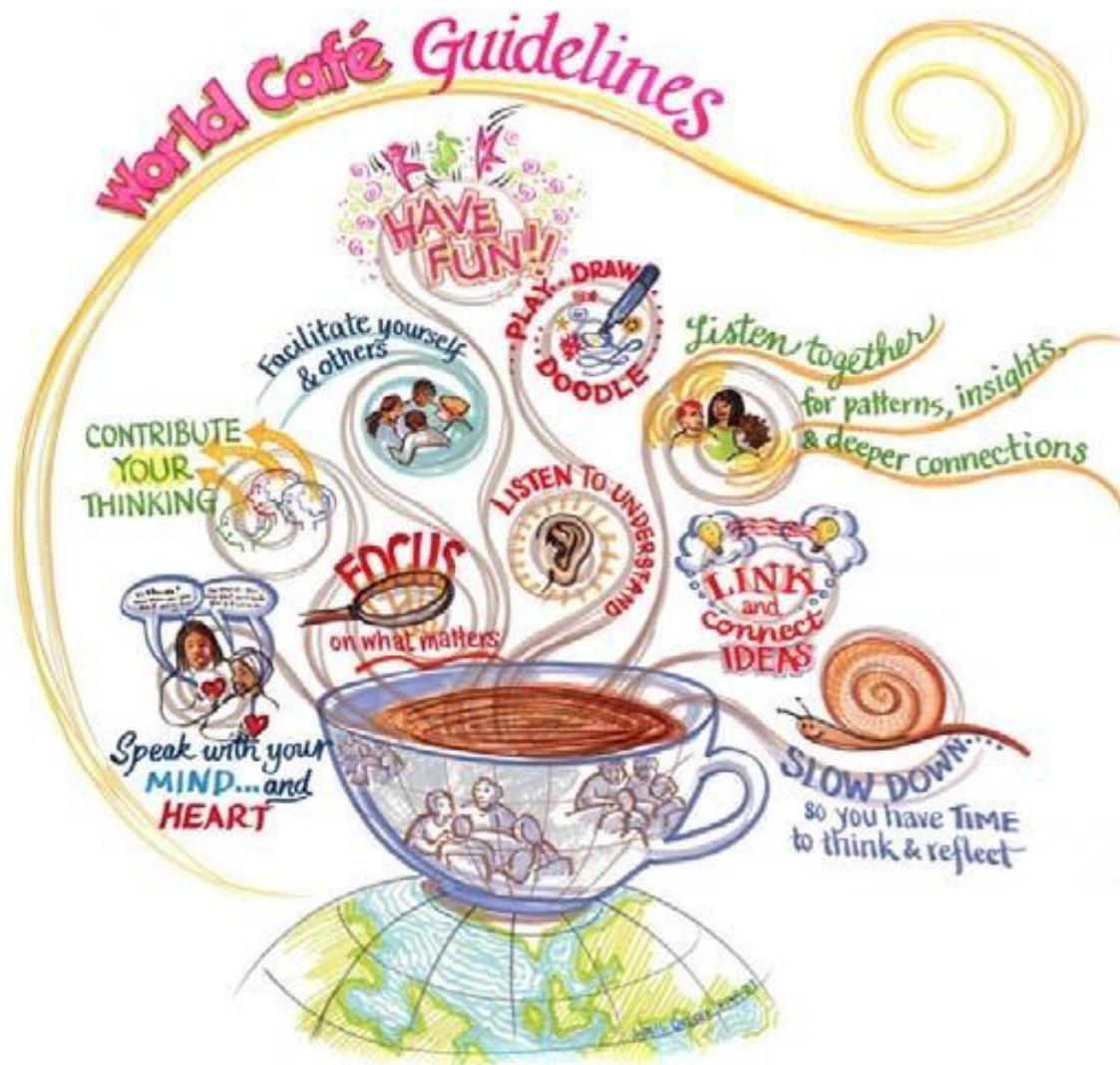


The World Café



Play! Experiment! Improvise!

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What are World Café conversations?

World Café is a method for creating collaborative dialogue around questions that matter in service to real work. World Café conversations are based on the principles and format developed by the World Café, a global movement to support conversations that matter in corporate, government, and community settings around the world.

World Café is also a metaphor enabling us to see new ways to make a difference in our lives and work. The power of conversation is so invisible and natural that we usually overlook it. For example, consider all the learning and action choices that occur as people move from one conversation to another inside our organizations and communities. What if we considered all of these conversations as one big dynamic Café, each a table in a larger network of living conversations which is the core process for sharing our collective knowledge and shaping our future? Once we become aware of the power of conversation as a key process in all aspects of our lives, we can use it more effectively for our mutual benefit.

What's essential about the World Café method?

The World Café is built on the assumption that ...

- People already have within them the wisdom and creativity to confront even the most difficult challenges.
- That the answers we need are available to us.
- That we are Wiser Together than we are alone.

What to expect?

In our time together you will visit three café tables and engage in three distinct, guided conversations, addressing questions essential to the thinking around sustainability and climate change mitigation at UNE. You will be encouraged to brainstorm, draw out your ideas on sticky notes and paper tablecloths. At the final table, we will ask you to work with your tablemates to synthesize the session's strongest ideas and create a visual representation of those thoughts - don't worry, you needn't be a Picasso to do this! As we wrap up the session we will conduct a gallery walk, view each others' big ideas for "Sustainable UNE" and talk about how your work will help UNE move forward with its Climate Action Plan.

And your final expectation for the World Café? Fun!

If you have any further questions about the World Café model, check out <http://www.theworldcafe.com/> or email Holly Parker at hparker3@une.edu

We look forward to seeing you at the World Café on October 18th!