

Circle Planning Form Basic Talking Circle

Goal: What is my purpose in holding this circle?

Participants: Who will be invited to this Circle?

Center: Will I have a Center in this Circle – if so, what will be in the Center?

Opening: How will I open this circle? A poem, quote, movement, breathing, story . . . ?

Talking piece: What object will I use as a talking piece and why?

Introductions/check-in: What question will I ask to start building connection in the Circle?

Values: What question will I ask to establish a values foundation for the Circle?

Guidelines: Will I offer basic guidelines or have the Circle generate the guidelines?

Round for building community, finding shared ground: What question or prompt will increase the sense of connection in the group?

Round one on the purpose of the Circle: What question will I use to start the discussion of the purpose/topic of this Circle?

Round two on the purpose of the Circle: What further question might be helpful to continue exploring the purpose/topic of the Circle?

Round three (if time allows): What question might draw reflection on what has come up in round one and two?

Check out: How are people feeling about this Circle?

Closing: How will I close this circle? Movement, reading, breathing, stretch, . . . ?

Materials: What materials do I need to bring to conduct this Circle?