From Teaching to Learning: Strengthening Facilitation in Cooperative Extension

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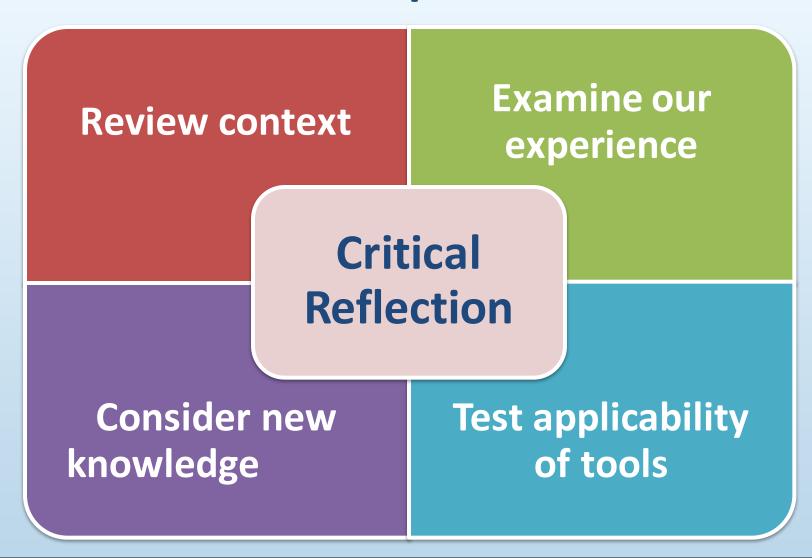
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Workshop participants will be able to:

- Articulate to others what makes learning transformative
- Craft questions that stimulate critical reflection and learning
- Improve facilitation skills
- Develop techniques for managing groups more effectively
- Identify strategies that move learners from reflection to action

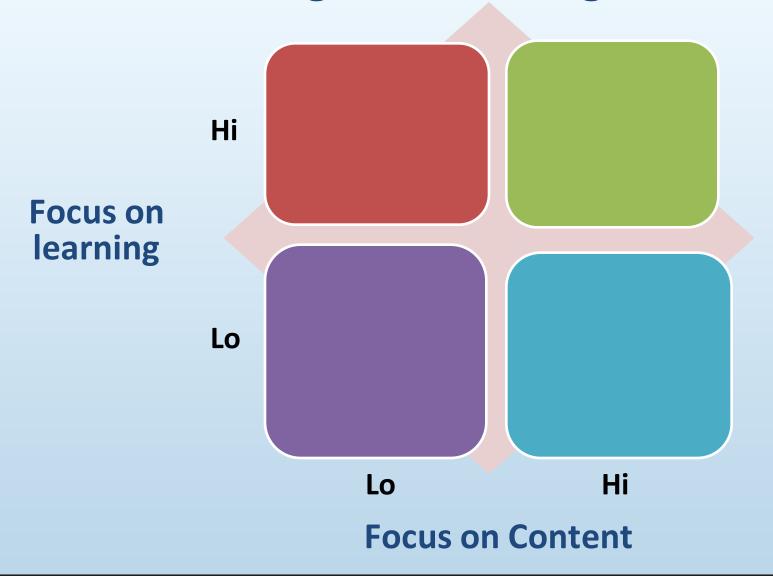
Workshop *Process*

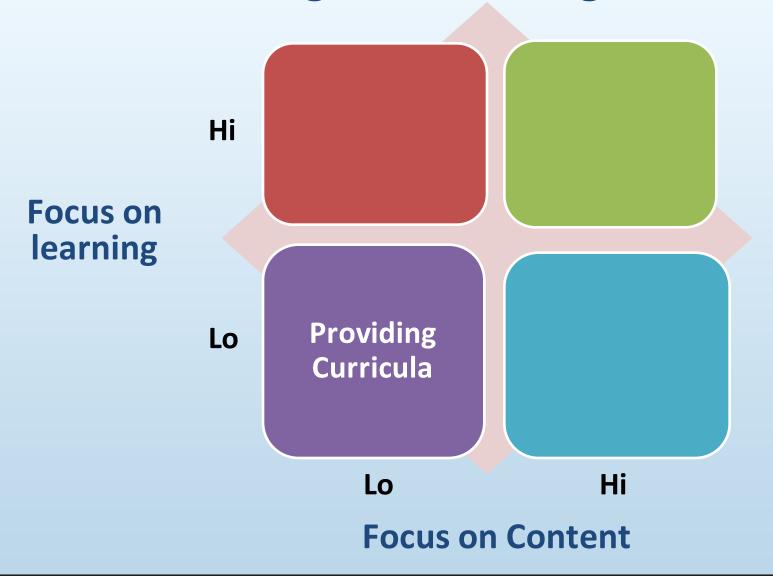


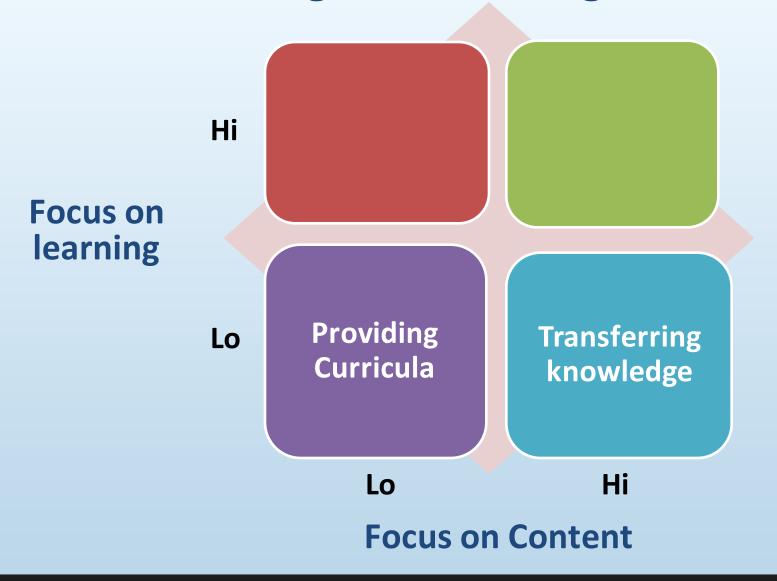
Part I Teaching and Learning

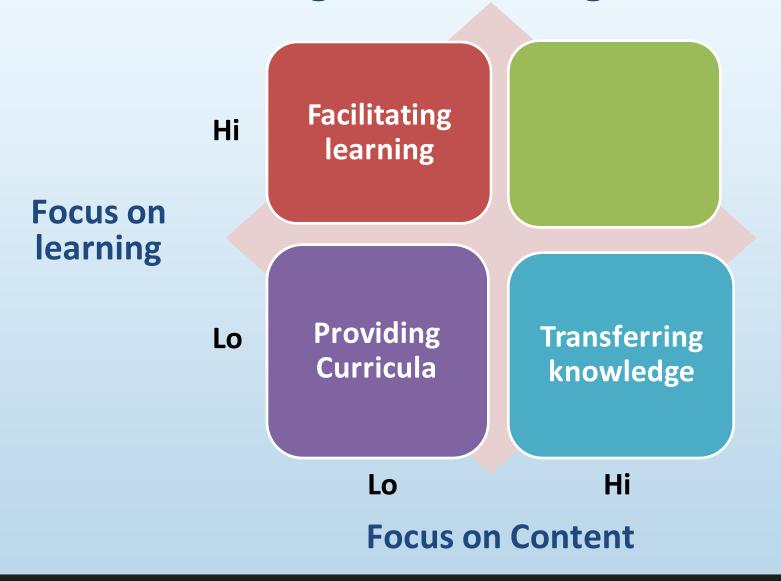
What do you believe about *teaching* and *learning*?

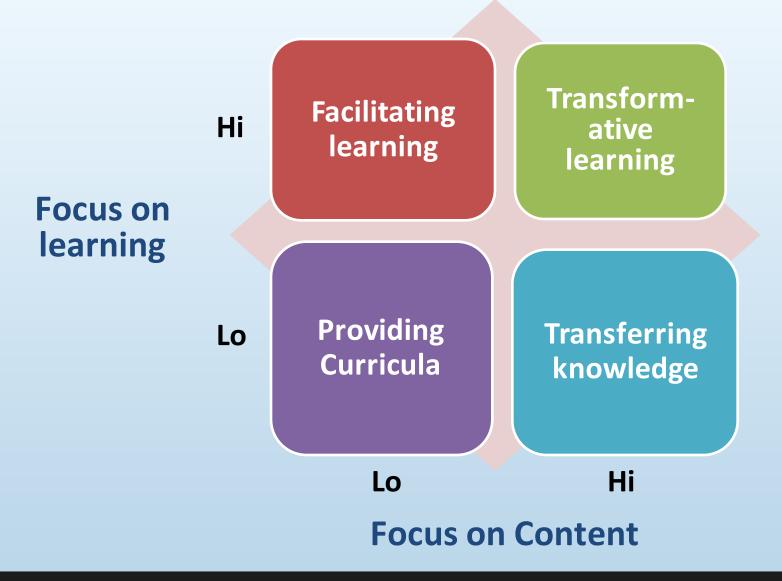
Process vs. Content: the dilemma for Cooperative Extension











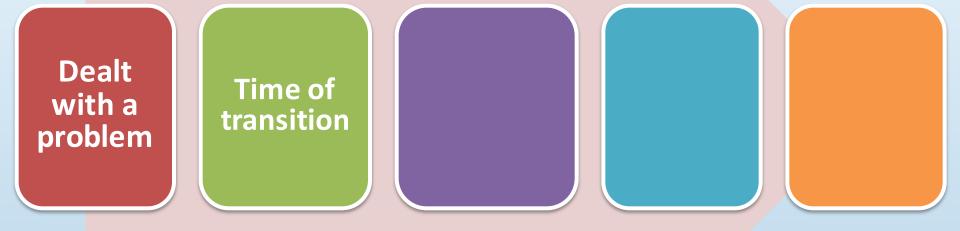
Barriers to learning

• (Let's identify some of them)

What is the most important thing you have learned during the past five years?

What is the most important thing you have learned during the past five years—and how did you learn it?







Dealt with a problem

Time of transition

Critical reflection

Social process

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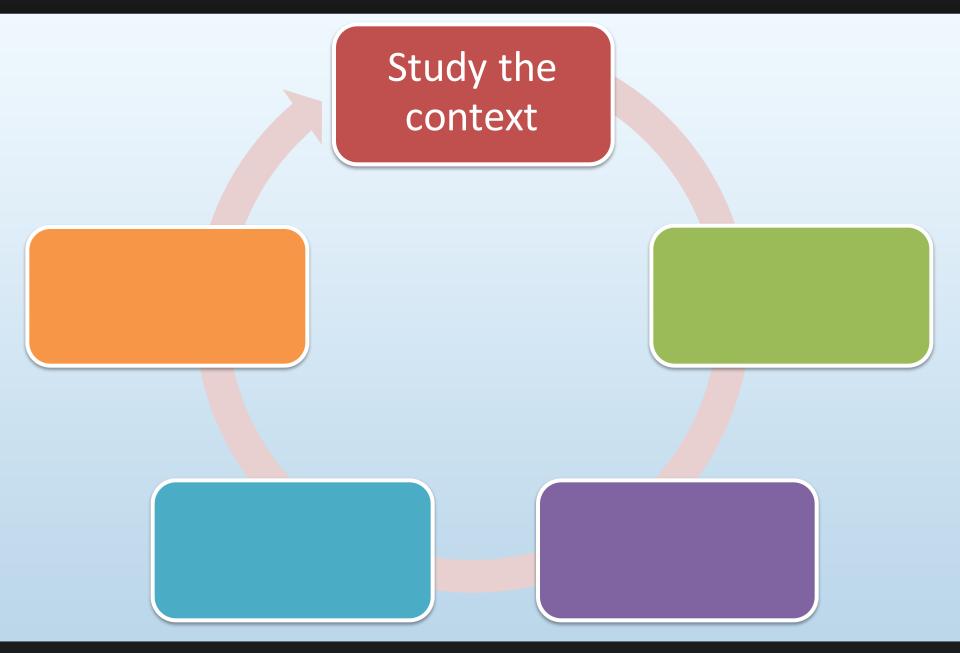
Social process

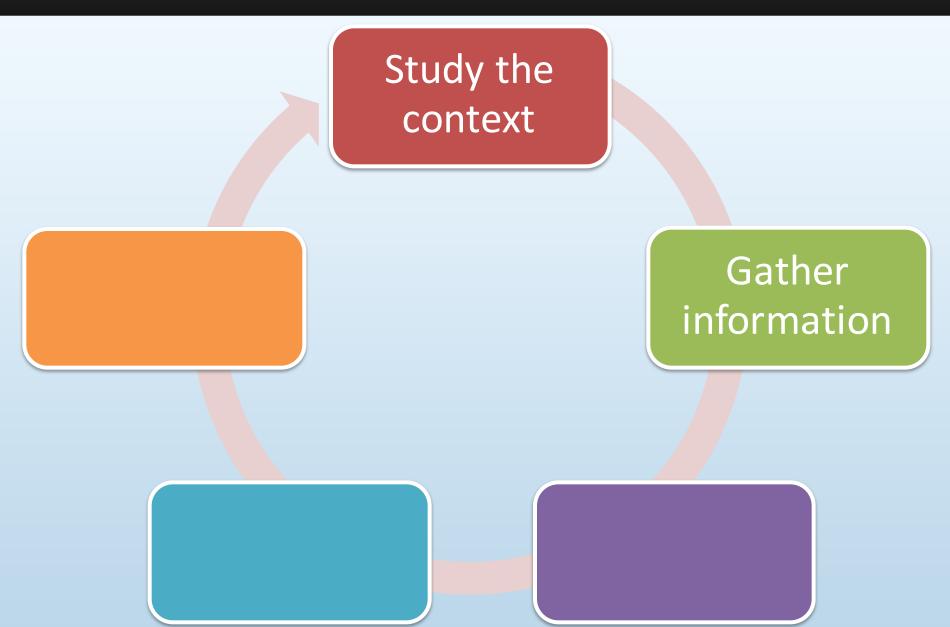
Dealt with values

Part II Helping People Learn for Themselves

Give an example of a big decision you have recently made. How did you make it?

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Study the context

Gather information

Evaluate the information

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Decide what to do with it

Evaluate the information

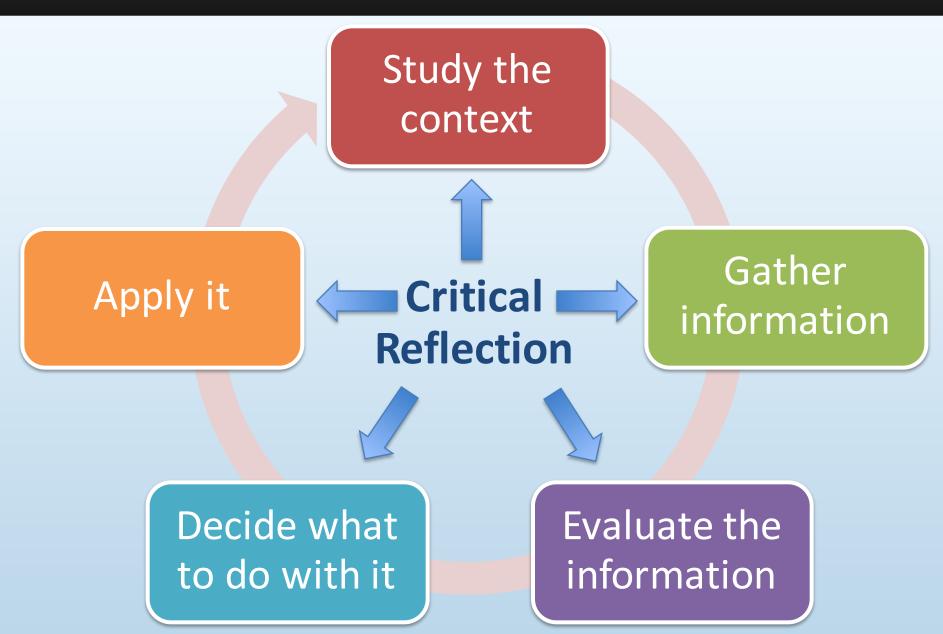
Study the context

Apply it

Gather information

Decide what to do with it

Evaluate the information



Lessons Learned Under the Palm Trees in Rural Africa



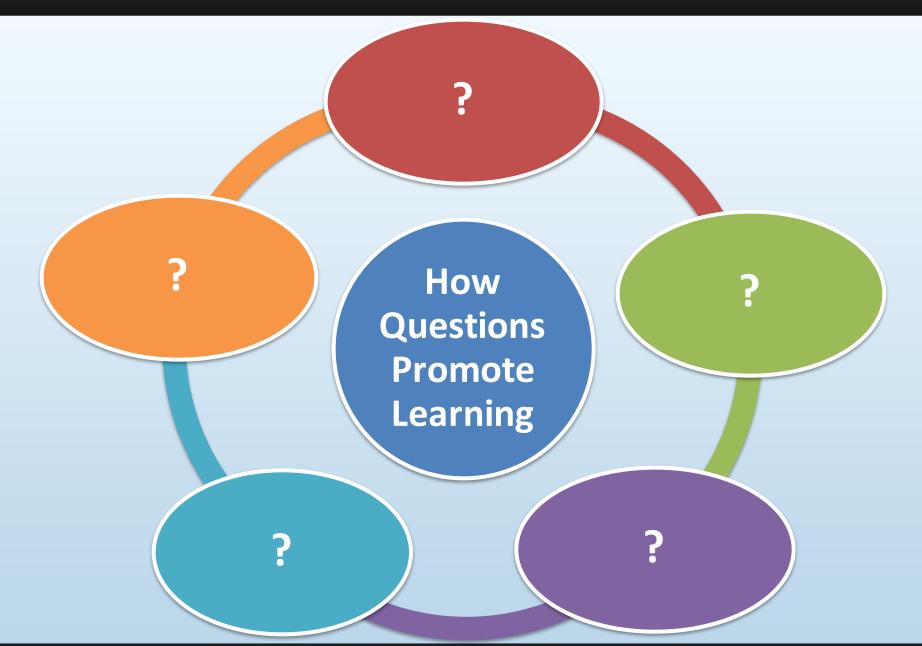
Part III The meaning of *facilitation*?

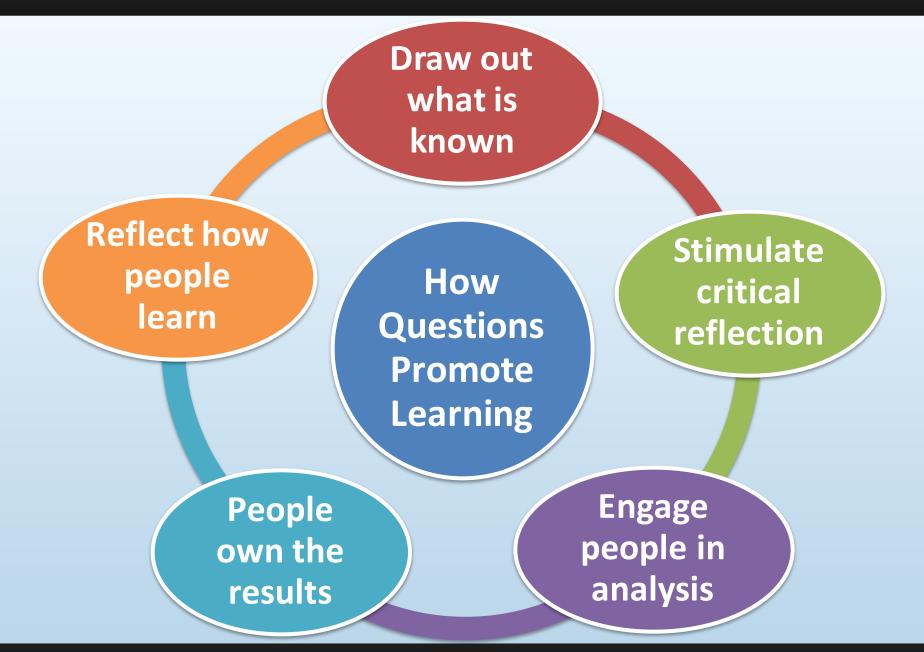
What Facilitators do:

- Convene the group
- Frame the task
- Manage the conversation (who talks, when, how long, etc.)
- Guide the process to its conclusion

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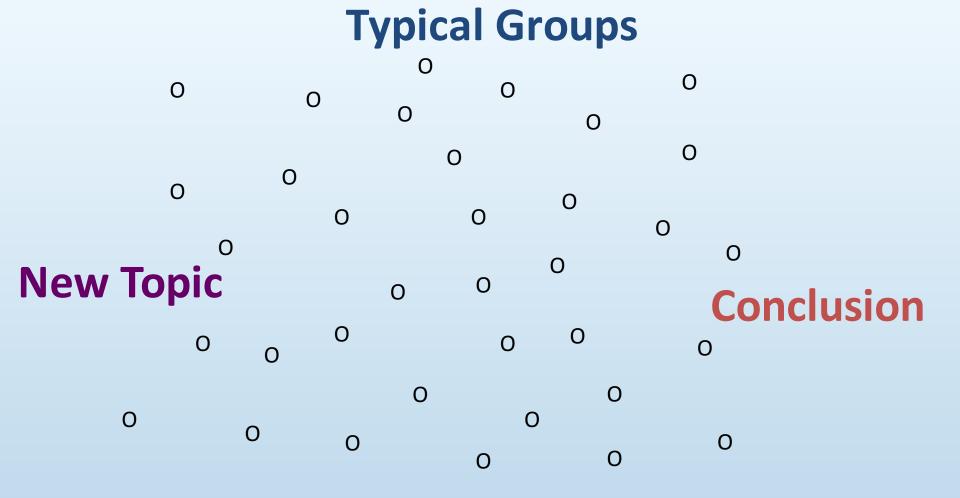




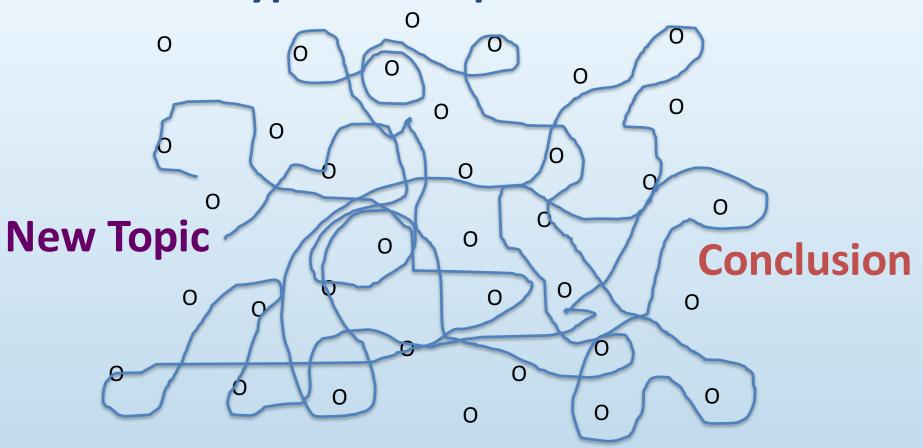


A Strategy for Asking Questions

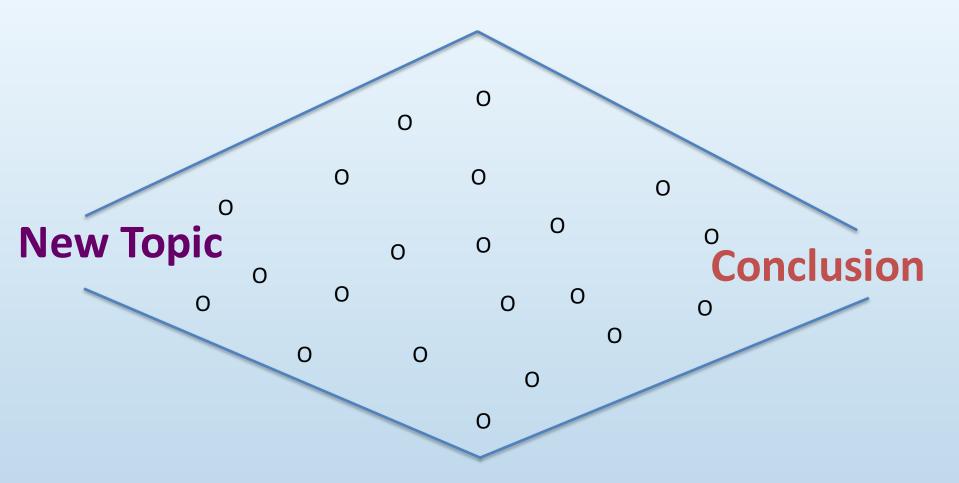
Observation Reflection **Analysis Application** How facilitators earn their keep; bringing structure and closure to learning conversations....



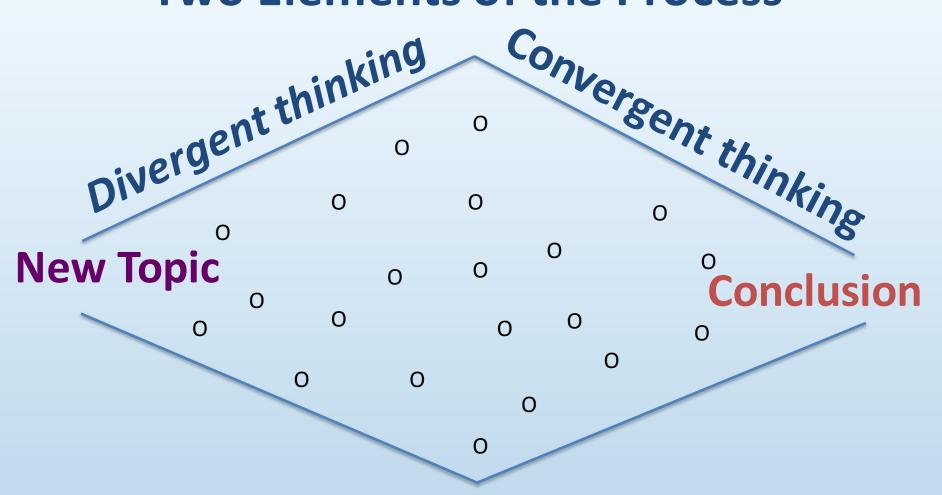
Typical Group Discussions



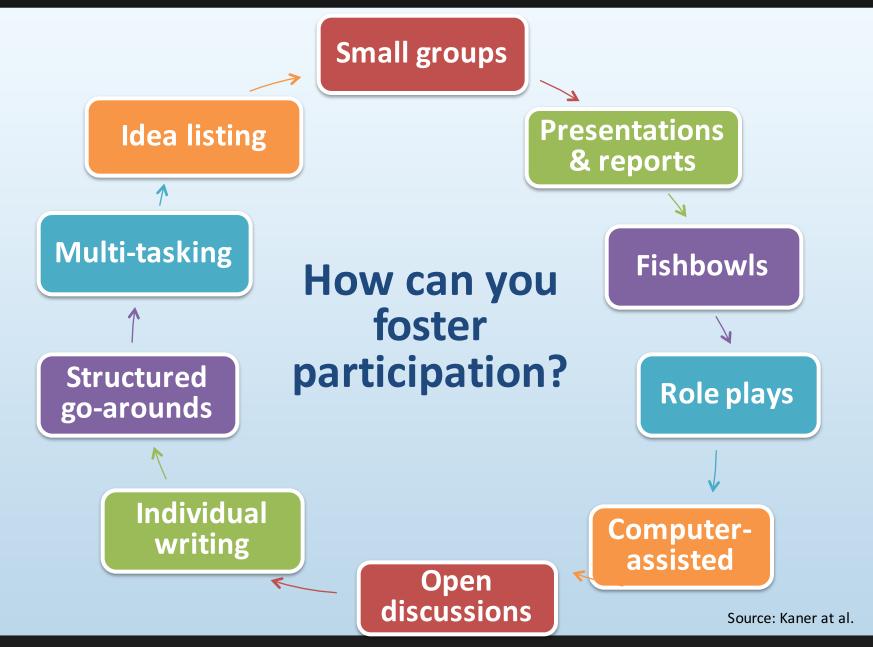
Framing & Facilitating the Conversation



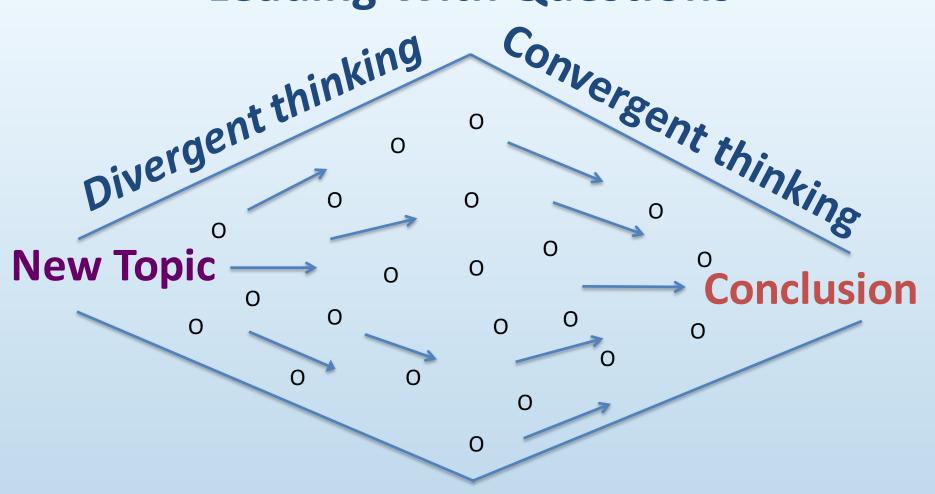
Two Elements of the Process



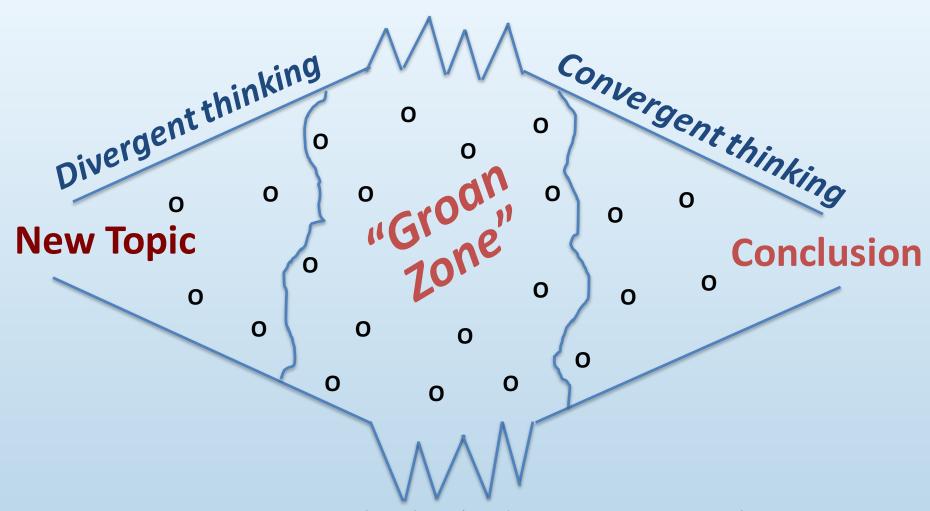
How can you foster participation?



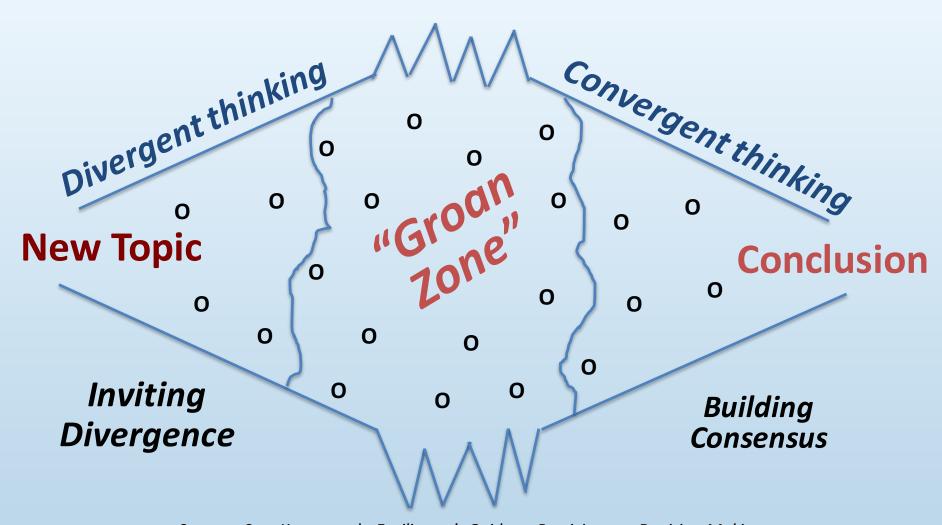
Leading With Questions



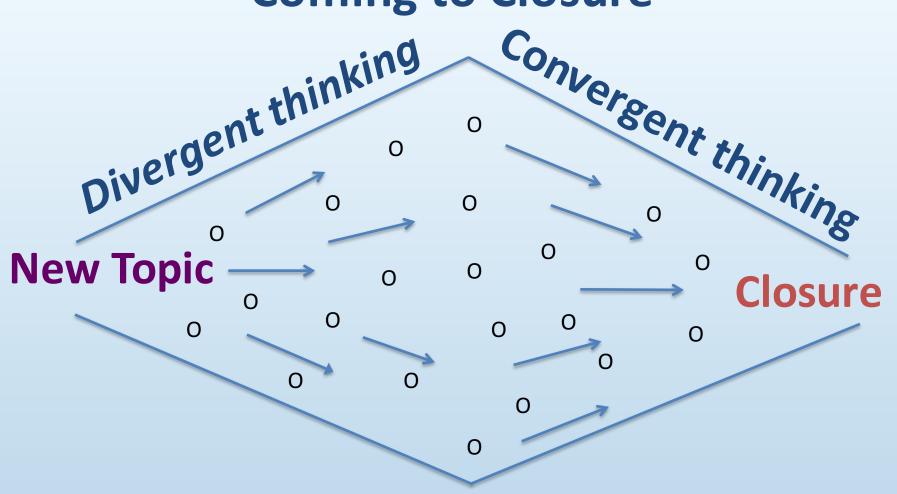
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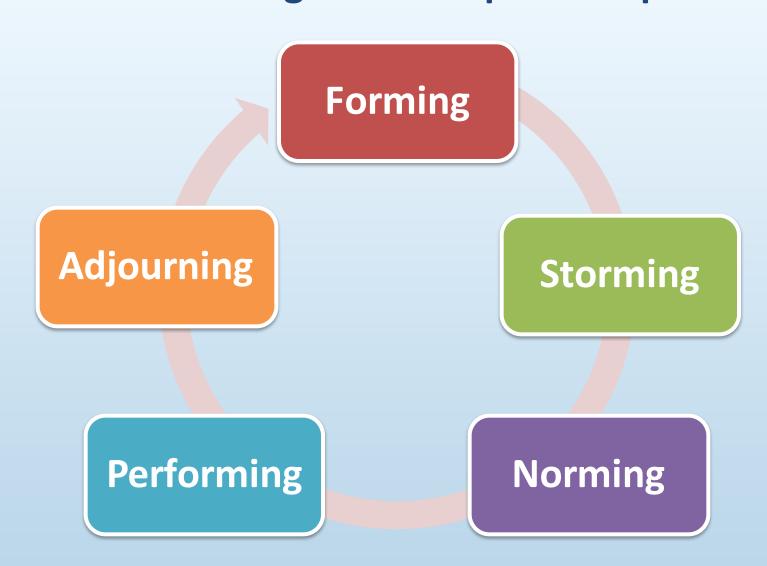
Coming to Closure



Part IV Enhancing the "Process"



Tuckerman's Stages of Group Development



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