FOUR CORNERS PROTOCOL

This protocol is designed to elicit the perspectives or experiences that participants have on various topics by requiring everyone to physically take a position. It can be used to introduce topics, as a follow-up activity or to identify where additional problem solving and consensus-building strategies may be needed.

Participants

Roles: Facilitator
Group Size: 10+
Time: 10-20 minutes

Materials

In-person: Label four corners of a room. Use poster paper to create signage titled; Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree, and Strongly Disagree.

Virtual: Participants rename themselves as a number that corresponds to their response. Move participants into break-out rooms accordingly.
1 = Strongly Agree, 2 = Agree, 3 = Disagree, 4 = Strongly Disagree.

Instructions for Use

1. Introduce a statement. Invite participants to reflect on their response and then move to the corner of the room that best reflects their position.
2. Four Corners Discussion. Invite participants to share why they selected the corner they did. As participants share, invite them to move corners if evidence or a perspective is introduced that changes their selection.
3. Repeat steps one and two for additional statements.
4. Debrief. Using journals or group discussion, invite participants to reflect on how the activity changed or reinforced their perspectives.