

Where do I stand?



To create debate in a protected space, where everybody is asked to express political opinions, but with the possibility of opting out from group discussion



The facilitator will ask the participants to place themselves standing in a circle with their backs to the inner circle (so they won't see their friends' actions).

The facilitator will then ask the participants to go in two possible directions: a **small step forwards** if the participant **agrees** with a statement that will be proposed to them or a **small step backwards** if they **disagree**.

After each statement is presented, and the participants have placed themselves, they may turn around on the spot to see the others' replies and the facilitator will open a discussion of the positionings/answers.



Tips for facilitator

There is no right or wrong answer to this exercise: the youth will be asked to physically position themselves, and by doing so, they will automatically take a political position too.

When faced with their friends' different physical/political positions, they will be surprised, and they will automatically start debating. The debate and reflections are the ultimate goal of this exercise.

The facilitator should ensure that the debate takes place in a safe manner, and prevent it from becoming too aggressive, or degenerate into open conflict.





Statements related to inclusion can be:

- Denmark has achieved equality between genders
- People from minority groups have the same opportunities as the majority in Denmark
- “I don’t see color”
- When racism occurs it is best to speak up against it
- The more privileged should give up some of their wealth to the less privileged
- When someone is from a different culture, it is important that they make an effort to fit in the local culture
- Two men should be able to incorporate with a surrogate mother in Denmark in order to have children
- People from the local culture have the duty to teach the others how stuff is done in Denmark
- People with disabilities is a burden for the society
- Denmark is one of the most advanced countries regarding safety and inclusion
- The education system should only be free for the poorest people - the rich people should pay for their own education
- More than 2 persons should be able to have custody and parental right over a child
- More private hospitals is the way forward to ensure fast and professional treatments



Evaluation

Group discussion

- How did it feel to take a stand on the different statements knowing that your friends could see your reply?
- Did it make you uncomfortable or was it ok for you?
- Did your friends’ replies surprise you?
- Were you unsure of your stand on some of the statements? Why?
- Did you realize something during this exercise and would you like to share?



When presented with statements like these it can feel like they are the truth but when you think about it actively as in this exercise you might disagree or agree on a deeper level. **This exercise aims at supporting awareness within one self about your opinions and also about realizing if you need more information to make your own opinion on a specific topic or statement.**

