

How Dialogue?

choosing formats and modes

CONSIDER:

1. What appeals to your style?
2. What aligns to your purpose?
3. What makes sense for your audience?

traditional (oral, synchronous, in-person)

- A sharing circle (5-15)
- Pair conversations (sustained w/ the same partner, or alternating)
- Small groups of 3-4 people
- Lecture + audience Q&A
- A moderated panel discussion + audience Q&A
- An interactive presentation
- Role play
- Interview

written

- Note-writing back and forth (in real time)
- Letter or postcard exchange (over time)
- Anonymous response collection via sticky note or Mentimeter
- Blackboard dialogue: Post a question or prompt. People respond to prompt & one another on a sidewalk, white board, roll of butcher paper, cork board, etc.
- Gallery walk: Post several questions, prompts, artworks, etc. at stations around the room. People circulate and pause at each station to write thoughts and responses.
- Collaborative annotation in response to a text or work of art.
- Journaling (dialogue with the self)

embodied

- Mirroring exercises
- Non-verbal role play (miming a situation or conflict)
- Mime opinions and responses about a topic (in pairs, small groups, or larger groups)
- Move to different points in the room depending on how you feel about a given topic
- Body scan (dialogue with the self)
- Hybrid: Use a gesture response code to express reactions to spoken comments

visual

- Watercolor conversations in pairs (take turns to together paint an abstract picture)
- Individuals each create a poster or abstract painting representing their views. Collect into a single "quilt."
- Individuals create a brand
- Graphic dialogue (draw a comic strip together in pairs, or pass around the room and have each person add a new panel)
- Hybrid: Use a visual response code to express reactions to spoken comments

multi-format, multi-modal, and/or multi-stage dialogue

digital

Traditional: video conferencing app (e.g. Zoom)

Written:

- Synchronous: chat or text app (e.g. WhatsApp)
- Asynchronous: email; collaborative annotation (e.g. Perusall); social media post

Visual:

- Synchronous: Aggie.io, Mentimeter, Jamboard, etc
- Asynchronous: Exchange videos or digital artworks