The Shifting Debate

Expressing one's opinions, listening to those of others, and enriching one's thinking by physically positioning oneself in the space according to one's agreement or disagreement with a statement.

The Shifting Debate is an activity that encourages collective expression and reflection. It involves presenting participants with a statement, and they must physically position themselves in the room according to their level of agreement or disagreement. This positioning allows for a reasoned exchange. Everyone can defend their point of view, listen to others and change their position. The aim is not to convince, but to understand and build a common reflection based on the diversity of opinions.

Number of participants: 6 - 36

Estimated duration: 45 mins

Duration	Step name	Notes	Mode and Rights	Content	Tools
3 mins	Activity presentation	**Notes** Explain the objective and procedure of the activity.			
2 mins	Positioning	**Notes** - Present the statement to be explored to the whole group. - Once participants have taken their positions, take a screenshot. **Instructions** Position yourself around the table according to your opinion on the statement.		Notes - The Shifting Debate	
10 mins	Preparing arguments	**Notes** - Organise the distribution of participants among the different tables according to their point of view so that they form groups of no more than six. - Start the timer. - Before the timer runs out, send the announcement.		Instructions - The Shifting Debate - Preparing Arguments	00 h 10 m 00 s Do not forget to copy and paste your arguments into your personal notes.

		Instructions Prepare your arguments for the Shifting Debate.		
20 mins	The Shifting Debate	**Notes** - Send the announcement. - Start the Shifting Debate and the timer. - Manage participants' speaking time so that as many people as possible can put forward an argument. - Once the timer has run out, take a screenshot. **Instructions** Raise your hand to speak and change sides whenever you find the opposing argument convincing.		00 h 20 m 00 s  Come back to the main table.
10 mins	Closure	**Notes** Launch the poll and project the results, or present the two screenshots taken to discuss the activity with participants and observe how their thinking has evolved.		 Has your thinking changed during this Shifting Debate?

Legend:

Facilitation mode:

- Independent tables
- Synchronised tables

Participant rights:

- Table library access + Content interactions + Speech
- Content interactions + Speech
- Speech only

Raise hand