

Redirecting Off Topic Discussions

Key Elements:

- ❖ Affirm participation and repeat the original open ended question, asking for someone who hasn't spoken for their thoughts.
- ❖ Use a summary of on topic discussion points to bring the discussion back to the session topic.
- ❖ Use a reflection to acknowledge any strong emotion and then a summary to bring back to the session topic.
- ❖ Use a white board or chart paper to keep track of off topic questions to be addressed at the end of the session if there is time or individually after the session. (E.g. "Parking Lot" or "Save-for-Later Bin")
- ❖ Use the "Affirm-Add-Move On" technique (See Correcting Misinformation Resource Card)

Facilitation Strategies



Redirecting If Off Topic

Your ideas:

