

What is World Café Style?

World Cafe is a **participative process** which enables people to have **creative conversations** while sitting cafe-style around small tables. Paper table cloths are often used so that the ideas and issues which emerge from the conversations can be recorded.

After about 20-30 minutes, people move to a new table and the conversation continues. One member of the initial group will remain at the table to host the new conversation and help to build links between the different strands.

World Cafe was developed by Juanita Brown and an account of its development can be found on her website. Indeed, the World Cafe site is the best place to start; it's full of resources and gives you pretty much all you need to know. Resources include a 6-page guide to running a World Cafe, which is available to download free.