



LAST SESSION AGENDA – THE CELEBRATION CIRCLE

Each participant:

Reflects on what their individual next steps are, and what the group's next steps will be.
Sets dates for next meetings, chooses a buddy for support, etc.

Has an opportunity to recognize and appreciate the impact of the changes they've personally made, as well as to appreciate others in the circle, and the circle process.

Discuss or look at the total actions from the Circle on the online action tracker.

Articulates the valuable aspects of the circle for them, and dialogues on what worked and what was challenging.

Guest:

Begins to understand the circle's purpose, structure and the peer support within the circle.

Materials needed:

BTC Facilitator's Guide

BTC Action Guide

BTC Purpose Statement

Snacks, Tea

Candle/Centerpiece

Watch

Action Reports for the group, generated by the online Action Tracker

Evaluation Forms (if not sent by email previously)

6:30 Opening (10)

Heartfelt welcome, and acknowledge any guests.

Choose an Opening from the Facilitator's Guide (Section IV Resources, pgs. 2-14), or use your own (ie. Meditation, Quote from Facilitator's Guide, Lighting the candle, etc.)

6:40 Check in (20, 2 min. each)

See Facilitator's Guide for examples. Suggestions:

Option 1: Each person verbalizes what the most valuable aspects of their participation have been.

Option 2: Each participant reflects back on the Intentions they set during the Foundation Meeting, and comments how it has unfolded.

Guests: State their name and what brought them here.



7: 00 BTC Purpose statement (Group member can read) (1)

To support each other to Be the Change we want to see for an Environmentally Sustainable, Spiritually Fulfilling and Socially Just human presence on this planet.

7:05 Recognition, Appreciation and Evaluation (30)

Using the cumulative Circle Action Report generated by the online Action Tracker, recognize the total impact of the circle! Acknowledge the successes.

If you haven't directed participants to view their personal Action Report, you can distribute these print-outs as well. Allow time for everyone to take in all the changes they've made.

Open up a dialogue, allowing each person enough time to verbalize their appreciation of the circle, their own personal lifestyle changes, and one another. This is an opportunity for people to share what they're most proud of.

Also invite participants to speak about what worked for them, and what was challenging. Make notes of these comments to send in the Program Evaluation Form to BTCEA.

Refer to the Evaluation Form. If it was emailed to participants earlier, confirm that they have completed it and returned it to the office. Otherwise, have participants complete their form, and collect the forms to mail to the office.

7:35 Next Steps (25)

Everyone has been appreciating the value of making lifestyle changes and the peer support of the circle. Now what? Open a discussion around how participants want to move forward. Use the Next Steps Planner to suggest options for individuals, the group, and collective action in the community.

Allow each person to voice their vision for themselves, and their desire for the group and their community. Decide if the group would like to stay connected, and in what capacity (another circle, monthly meetings, a community project, etc.)

If the circle is choosing to continue with another focus for dialogue, set a date for the next meeting, the venue and the new convenor.

Set any other necessary dates for meetings, select buddies to support each other in ongoing change, etc.



If the circle decides to embark on a collective project, set a date to meet again and use the Collective Action Planner to begin organizing goals, roles and timelines for the project.

8:00 Closing (2-3) and Celebration (30)

Choose a closing from the Facilitator's Guide (Section IV, pg 50), or use your own (hand holding, meditation, gratefulness/appreciation, extinguishing a candle, silence, etc.).
Suggestion: Gratefulness/Appreciation Meditation (optional): Ask participants to reflect or verbalize a quality that they appreciate about the person standing next to them.
Acknowledge the participation of guests, and answer any questions that they may have.

Celebrate / Feast / Connect!

After: If the circle is restarting with another curriculum, assist the new convenor with the process for ordering any new materials and using the online action tracker.