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Connect The Dots!

This is an **exercise** to help individuals and teams make their online collaboration as effective and valuable as their face-to-face interactions. It guides participants in talking about articulating their understanding of a shared topic or situation in various ways and to see the differences in perceptions. This exercise can be done with any number of people.

Step 1

Each participant receives a pre-prepared package of supportive material.

Step 2

Each participant fills in the Questionnaire. The last question is about the theme of your workshop.

Step 3

Each participant notes down 5 keywords on 5 cards (one per card) that describes their perspective on the topic of the workshop.

Step 4

Each participant engages in 1-to-1 conversations with others. The facilitator keeps time: spend about 5 min in conversation and 1 min in writing down keywords about the conversation on the cards. The participant will collect a maximum 5 cards per conversation.

Step 5

Each participant takes their first 5 cards and elaborates on the connection why they belong together, using the template "My Profile". **LEARNING:** you rephrase your perspective on the topic, after the interaction with others

Step 6

Each participant groups the cards into *baskets* (Which topics belong together?) and then elaborates on their baskets, using the template "My baskets" and "My Journal Post".

Step 7

Group discussion on the central theme and debriefing of working format, to discuss networked knowledge building online and offline.

For the facilitator

Choose a **topic** for the workshop and determine **how many** of 1-to-1 conversations you will have available.

Prepare the following set of materials for each participant.

- a set of **cards** to write keywords on, at least 5 cards per 1-to-1 conversation planned, as well as 5 cards for the participant. Leave enough space for the participant to write their partner's name.
- some supporting **templates**: entitled "Questionnaire", "My Profile", "My Baskets", "My Blog Post". You need to customize this material to your theme.

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