

SAMPLE FIRST DIALOGUE AGENDA

Mingling-Food-Socializing 15 minutes

Facilitators introduce themselves

Pencil Exercise 10 minutes

Pair participants up to practice listening without interruption: Each person speaks for 4 minutes, the other listens (no notes, no writing, just ears!) without asking a question of his partner. Initial questions may be:

First name – What does it mean? Were you named in honor/in memory of someone?
How did you get your name?

Your connection to Israel/Palestine/Middle east – through faith, friends, family, other?

What do you think is one myth the “other” has about you, or your people?

What is an idea you think the “other” has about you? 15 minutes

Each pair introduces their partner to the whole circle. Checks in to see if they heard/reflected everything. 20-30 minutes

From the introductions the facilitators are writing or parking “hot topics” or phrases on flip sheet

After introductions group develops guidelines for conversation 15 minutes

Group chooses one hot word that came out of introductions (security, safety, occupation, jihad etc...)
And group tries a short dialogue for remainder of time. 35 minutes

Closing ritual 1 minute