

As part of the GreenSpirit Annual Gathering we will have a mini-**Conversation Café**. This brings us together to have conversations about questions that are worth exploring.

We will harvest thinking with each round of conversations to capture ideas, patterns and themes that arise.

What are Café Conversations?

We will move into groups of 4 (using break out rooms) to have some discussions arising from questions. We will ask each room to nominate a conversation "host/scribe" who would be responsible for guiding thinking and at the end create a summary statement that would capture patterns and themes.

The "broadcast" feature in Zoom allows us to post the question as well as time checks to support groups.

When a conversational round is completed, the groups return, and we ask scribes to share/type their summary into the chat window for all the participants to see. This allows participants in the full group to notice and share commonalities between their conversations.

Participants will be "shuffled" into new conversation groups for the next round.

We have only given ourselves an hour so we won't be able to have very long conversations, and the "Harvest" will be creatively transcribed afterwards and published on the GreenSpirit Facebook group and the website.

Doing "World Café" online makes it a bit different, but no less real than if we were all together. We hope to create a network of collaborative dialogue around questions that matter in service to real work.

Our conversations may well enable us to see new ways to make a difference in our lives and work.

The World Café is built on the assumption that ...

People already have within them the wisdom and creativity to confront even the most difficult challenges; that the answers we need are available to us; and that we are Wiser Together than we are alone.

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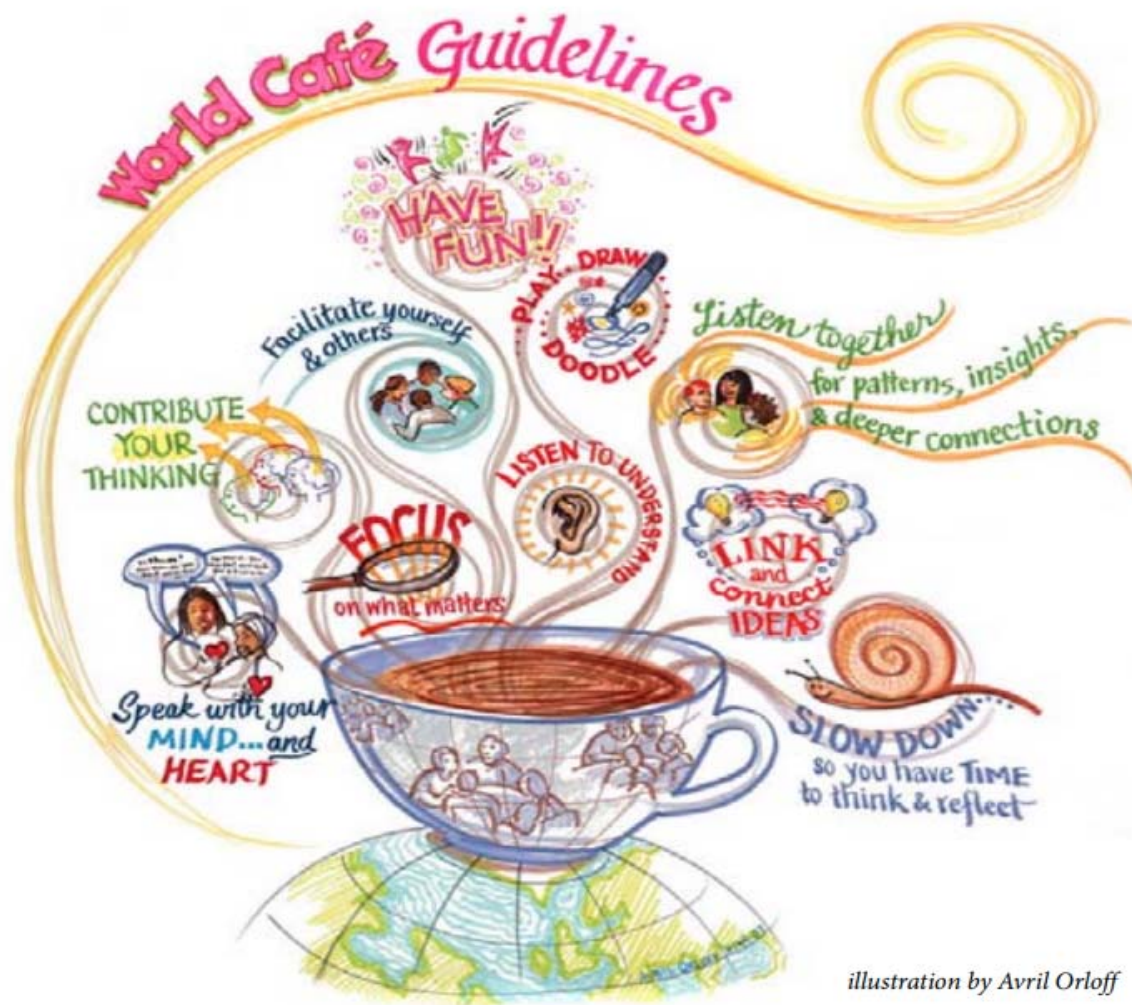


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When you are joining in the Conversation Café may we ask you to:

- Slow down so you have time to think and reflect
- Speak with your HEART and your mind
- Contribute your thinking
- Listen to Understand
- Allow some silences
- Focus on what matters
- Link and connect ideas
- Listen together for patters, insights and deeper connections.
- Doodle, draw and make notes.
- Facilitate yourself and others
- Have fun

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