



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF LISTENING

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Topic for this year:

Listen even when you disagree.

Modern community is disintegrating; people are lonelier; and social media are distracting from the honesty and connection of face-to-face listening and communication. Without relationship and connection, face-to-face interaction is only a thin presence, a limited human connection. We need experiences that can support community building--listening and dialogue are strong candidates.

Title: Listening to Differing Opinions

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Subject: Disruptive Ideologies

Interest Area: Personal, Professional and Education

Appropriate Age: High School/college and beyond.

Time Required: Minimum of 15 minutes

Purpose

Objectives:

- Dealing with and identifying emotional filters and biases.

Skill Development:

- Recognize facts vs. non-supported claims.
- Be open to contrary possibilities outside your comfort zone regarding religious or political Ideologies.

Materials Needed

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Location: Attend a service, rally, protest, or something like this that is different from your beliefs, to get to feel really uncomfortable with your established mind set.

Number of participants: Can be any number of participants.

Instructions

Get ready to be threatened with all the contrariness you will see and feel at whatever exposure/experience you choose.

Listening Guidelines and Tools (How to listen more effectively)

Enter these situations with a clean slate of your past knowledge and feelings. Identify them and accept them but make room for possible alterations. Change is painful.

See Templates & Guides <http://internationaldayoflistening.com/templates-guides/>
10 Listening Tips <http://internationaldayoflistening.com/10-listening-tips/>

Resources

International Day of Listening website: www.internationaldayoflistening.com
International Listening Association website: www.listen.org

Outcomes and Evaluation (What should participants have accomplished, and how will they measure success?)

Better understanding that ideologies are more complex than you thought, and that there is a lot of information swirling around any ideology. Also, that there are no bumper sticker solutions to complex issues, both personal, and political.

Please share your experience with the rest of the world.



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