



# EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING

## Carousel Brainstorm Protocol

### **Purpose**

The purpose of using the carousel brainstorm process is to allow participants to share their ideas and build a common vision or vocabulary; the facilitator can use this process to assess group knowledge or readiness around a variety of issues.

### **Procedure**

1. Before your group gathers, identify several questions or issues related to your topic, perhaps drawn from a reading that you will share later.
2. Post your questions or issues on poster paper.
3. Divide your group into smaller teams to match the number of questions you have created.
4. Give a different color of marker to each team, and have each team start at a particular question.
5. At each question, participants should brainstorm responses or points they want to make about the posted question.
6. After a couple of minutes with each question, signal the teams to move to the next question, until all teams have responded to all questions.
7. You can conclude the activity having each team highlight and report key points at their initial question or by having participants star the most important points and discussing those.
8. If it is appropriate for your topic, distribute a related reading and discuss, using the common vocabulary you have built through this process.