

Just listening.

Timed Talk: How can we improve Political Debates with the Thinking Environment?
Watch Shirley and Caroline demonstrate it here: <https://youtu.be/d5X9dyImIxM>

The Question is important.

How to choose a question?

What matters to you where you live? what affects you in your life? What do you truly value?
Choose something to think about which is not abstract or removed, but is important to you.

- Cycling or walking could be a safe, healthy and environmentally friendly way to travel. The question might be: How could we make it easier to travel? What do we want from a transport system?
- I want to be able to get an appointment with my doctor when I need it. How could we make healthcare more available?
- I want my child to be well educated and ready to go out into the world. What do we want education to give to our future generations?

And any others which spring to mind...

The process:

Frame the question, with someone else who cares about it too. Think together.

Take 2 or 3 mins each way, 5 times.

Use a timer to ensure you will have exactly equal time.

When the timer goes, swap.

The listener is there to encourage the thinker.

Be attentive to the thinker, don't interrupt, your turn will come.

Feel free to build on each other's comments or not.

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