



A few words I might share to introduce a Thinking Environment session:

**Thinking Space** — This is a space to think together, you are here because your voice matters, and we will all benefit if everyone feels able and is willing to contribute equally. For some this might mean you need to speak less so others can contribute more, for others it might mean speaking up more than you are used to. I will make sure that everyone has an opportunity to participate.

**Using “I” Statements** — Share your ideas and thoughts in ways that respect other people’s perspectives and views. Our views of reality may differ, but sharing our thoughts does not mean interpreting, correcting, or debating what others say. Try where possible to use “I” statements.

**Give time to explore as well as solve** — We want to explore ideas and think together so we can make sure we are solving the right problems. When in pairs we get to listen to ignite each other’s thoughts, not to reply or give advice.

**Non-interruption** – don’t interrupt others with your words or gestures. Let people finish their train of thought before sharing yours. It is hard to think well if we are waiting to be interrupted.