

Solution Circles

A creative problem solving tool

What is a Solution Circle?

A solution circle is a short and powerful tool that takes up to an hour. It aims to bring together a group of people to generate ideas for solutions to a particular problem.

Collaborative problem-solving approaches enable staff to pool resources, increase their skills and understanding and find ways forward for working with children and young people in their schools.

When might you use Solution Circles?

Solution Circles can be used across a variety of contexts, including: SENCOs year group staff, with support staff or senior leadership teams, to help to address a wide variety of topics.

This might include unpicking a problem to arrive at the best approach or intervention for a specific child or group of children.

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Agenda

1. Problem Presentation (5 minutes)
The problem presenter has up to 5 uninterrupted minutes to outline the issue.
2. Round of Questions (4 minutes)
This is an opportunity for member of the team to ask a question about the issue they have been listening to and/or sharing about.
3. Responses, ideas and solutions (15 minutes)
This is a chance for both the initial problem presenter and the team to respond to the questions posed and put forward ideas for solving the problem. Everyone can chime in with ideas, thoughts and possibly even solutions!
4. Next Steps (10 minutes)
Both the initial problem presenter and the team decide on first steps which are doable within the next few days.
5. Summary (2 minutes)
The team leader provides a summary of the whole discussion.

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