

## **Round Table Discussions**

The way members are seated in relation to each other significantly affects group interaction. Arrangements that bring people closer together and permit direct eye-contact among all members promote group interaction.

## Pro's of round table:

- Group members arranged in a circle or a round table can more easily interact with each other.
- Allows all members to sit in equally important positions
- No one person will non-verbally be given the power of the table
- Gives a feeling of unity
- Chairs can be adjusted to the interpersonal space level of comfort for each member without throwing of the balance of the table.

## Con's of round table

• The leader at the circular table loses the potential for control and superiority of status, the negative impact of the round table seems predictable.

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