

# Review of Socratic Dialogue

Saturday 12 November 2023 at Lancaster Hotel

Julie Marie welcomed all to this short day Socratic Dialogue. She went through the plan for the day which included a Meta Dialogue (like a review of the dialogue) at the end. A good mix of 13 people came, some for whom this was their first dialogue, their first physical dialogue (previously on Zoom) and those who had been practicing for over a quarter of a century.



Dieter Krohn facilitated the dialogue. His first dialogue had been back in 1965!

## **Subject: What is my responsibility for the future?**

Climate change, war, energy - all these factors influence our future and that of our children. Am I myself in a position to shape these factors? Perhaps. But don't others, more influential ones, have this responsibility? What about me?

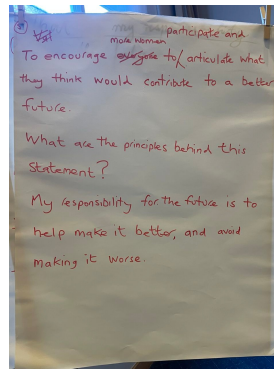
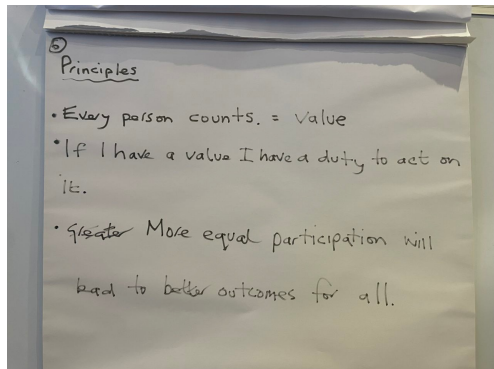
Dieter asked us to consider this question in relation to our own life and write down a concrete experience that exemplified it: In the following situation I felt that it was my responsibility to ... for the future.

Various examples were given and one chosen by a simple process of all of us voting for our top 3 choices.

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At a public lecture I realised after the talk that only men were asking questions. Although I felt stressed and reluctant, I plucked up courage and asked a question. I did this because I wanted to encourage other women to take an active part - both in this situation and in shaping the future, so their views would be heard and respected. I felt this as a duty.

Dieter encouraged us to look at the story, and ask what has this got to do with the question? Can I personally agree with this? Can I relate to this story, could this be me?



The example principals we agreed on were:  
To encourage more women to participate and articulate what they think to make a better - and not worse - future

The universal principles :  
Every person counts  
If I have a value I have a duty to act on it .  
More equal participation is beneficial for all

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At the end of the dialogue, we said a special thanks to Dorothy for whom this was her last meeting as a Trustee of SFCP. She had joined as a Trustee back in 1995?. A cake was enjoyed by all.

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Rachel Kellett (SFCP Administrator)