

Socratic Dialogue Facilitators:

All facilitators listed below have trained for at least 2 years in the Heckmann-Nelson method of Socratic facilitation

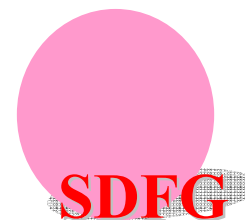
Angella Hodgson London I have been involved in Socratic Dialogues for 15 London years and have taken part in dialogues in U.K., Germany and Holland. I became a qualified facilitator in 2009. I have facilitated a wide ranging number of dialogues across the U.K. and Germany both for English speakers and English second language speakers. My particular interest in dialogue is working on the everyday simple questions that affect our everyday life and yet still provide dilemmas for us when we have to make a decision. I am happy to facilitate dialogues in both the UK or the EU.

Celia Hawkesworth St Andrews Scotland I have been involved in Socratic Dialogue since 1999 and trained as a facilitator with Angella, Jayne and Kate. After a career in the academic world, I find the experience of collective thinking based on the individual's ability to make judgements a refreshing antidote to reliance on authorities. I am currently based just outside St Andrews and would be glad to facilitate dialogues in Scotland.

Kate Nathoo Guilford, Surrey I was introduced to Socratic Dialogue over 10 years ago, and have recently trained as a facilitator. I have found the skills learned as a participant and facilitator of dialogues have been immensely useful in the workplace. I am particularly interested in working with groups who may be involved in the commercial as opposed to the academic world. I am based in Guildford but am happy to travel within the UK to facilitate. As I work full-time my dialogue work is limited to weekends.

Jayne Crow East of England Having spent many years immersed in the practice and teaching of Health and Social Care I was introduced to Socratic Dialogue when I attended a 'Taster' Day at my place of work. I was immediately attracted to this very different approach to communication, philosophising and decision making. It seemed to me like a breath of fresh air and I have found many benefits to both my work and my personal life through my participation in Dialogues. I am based in Essex and am happy to facilitate in a variety of contexts.

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What is a Socratic Dialogue?

A Socratic Dialogue (SD) is a co-operative attempt to find the answer to a fundamental question. The question is at the centre of the dialogue. It is applied to a concrete experience of the participants that is accessible to all other participants.

The Socratic Dialogue derives its name from Socrates, but it is not an imitation of a Platonic dialogue. What is basically Socratic is the method of rigorous inquiry into the thoughts, concepts and values we hold as true. The Socratic Dialogue is a joint investigation into the assumptions we make when we formulate our thoughts

Procedures

The Socratic Dialogue normally uses the following procedures:

1. A well formulated, general question, or a statement, is set by the facilitator before the discourse commences;
2. The first step is to collect concrete examples experienced by participants in which the given topic plays a key role;
3. One example is chosen by the group, which will usually be the basis of the analysis and dialogue throughout the session;
4. Crucial statements made by the participants are written down on a flip chart or board, so that all can have an overview and be clear about the sequence of the discourse

What Socratic Dialogue can offer:

Participants experience an opportunity to improve their critical thinking and reasoning skills by philosophising cooperatively in a group, aiming to arrive at agreement on a challenging question. No need to be a philosopher to do this! The question is at the centre of the dialogue and is explored through systematic reflection about a concrete experience of one or more of the participants with which all in the group can identify. Everyone in the group has an equal right to be heard. The discussion moves slowly and systematically, so that all participants gain insights into the substance of the dialogue. The process of learning to philosophise moves from the concrete, particular experience to seeking general propositions, judgements or answers, validated by reasons which all in the group find convincing.

Please take a look at the website: www.sfc.org.uk

If you are interested:

- in attending one of our Socratic Dialogues
- in organising a dialogue in your area

Contact Rene Saran, who will discuss your requirements with other facilitators.



Rene facilitating a Socratic Dialogue

Rene Saran, London

Historically Rene has had a long-standing relationship with the Heckmann-Nelson Socratic movement in Britain and Germany. Since the 1990s she has facilitated dialogues in several European countries. She is also one of the advisers for SFCP facilitator training.

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