



### We're tired of bad debriefing!

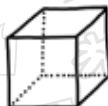
Opportunities for groups to learn, improve and commit to change are frequently lost.

### We want to fix this!

Our mission is to help every facilitator in the world sharpen their debrief skills and we **invite you to join us**.

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### What's in this for you?

You will maximise the value of your exercises, interactions, games and simulations by expanding your debriefing skills.

### What's in this for your participants?

They will maximize their opportunity to learn and improve from the experiences you lead.

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## #TheDebriefingCube

Six perspectives for powerful reflection

**Goal** Explore **how it began** and their **understanding** of the goal.

**Process** Explore the series of **events that happened**.

**Group Dynamics** Explore **behaviours they observed** in themselves and from others.

**Communication** Explore what **they thought, heard and said**.

**Emotions** Explore their **feelings** and the **impact on what happened**.

**Take-away** Explore what they found **interesting, insightful** or **inspirational!**

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## 1/2 Our tips for a great DEBRIEFING



### Create a safe space!

Prepare for everybody's psychological safety.



### Be aware!

Practise your observation skills. And help others to practise theirs.



### Silence is powerful.

Don't be afraid to use it.



### Relax!

You don't need to use every question.

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## 2/2 Our tips for a great DEBRIEFING



### Embrace curiosity!

Try to keep your questions open, to enrich the conversation.



### Be a feedback role model!

Phrase your feedback in the best possible way to strengthen creative confidence.



### Trust the debrief and try

not to tell them what they should have learned. **Trust** that their own conclusions are far more powerful.

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## How to use this deck 1/4 DESIGN

1. **Be clear** on what you are going to do.
2. **Choose a timebox** for your debrief.
3. **Pick** from this deck the cards to lead a great debrief (amount of cards respecting your timebox)
4. **If needed**, tweak them to suit the experience and your participants.
5. **Innovate** in the moment.

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## How to use this deck 2/4 HOLD

1. **While observing** select cards from the deck that resonate with you.
2. **Organize** your participants to debrief.
3. **Begin** by exploring with the cards you selected.
4. Keep the deck **in your hand** and use the cards to help **inspire** where the conversation will go next.
5. Respect your **timebox**.

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## How to use this deck 3/4 GUIDE

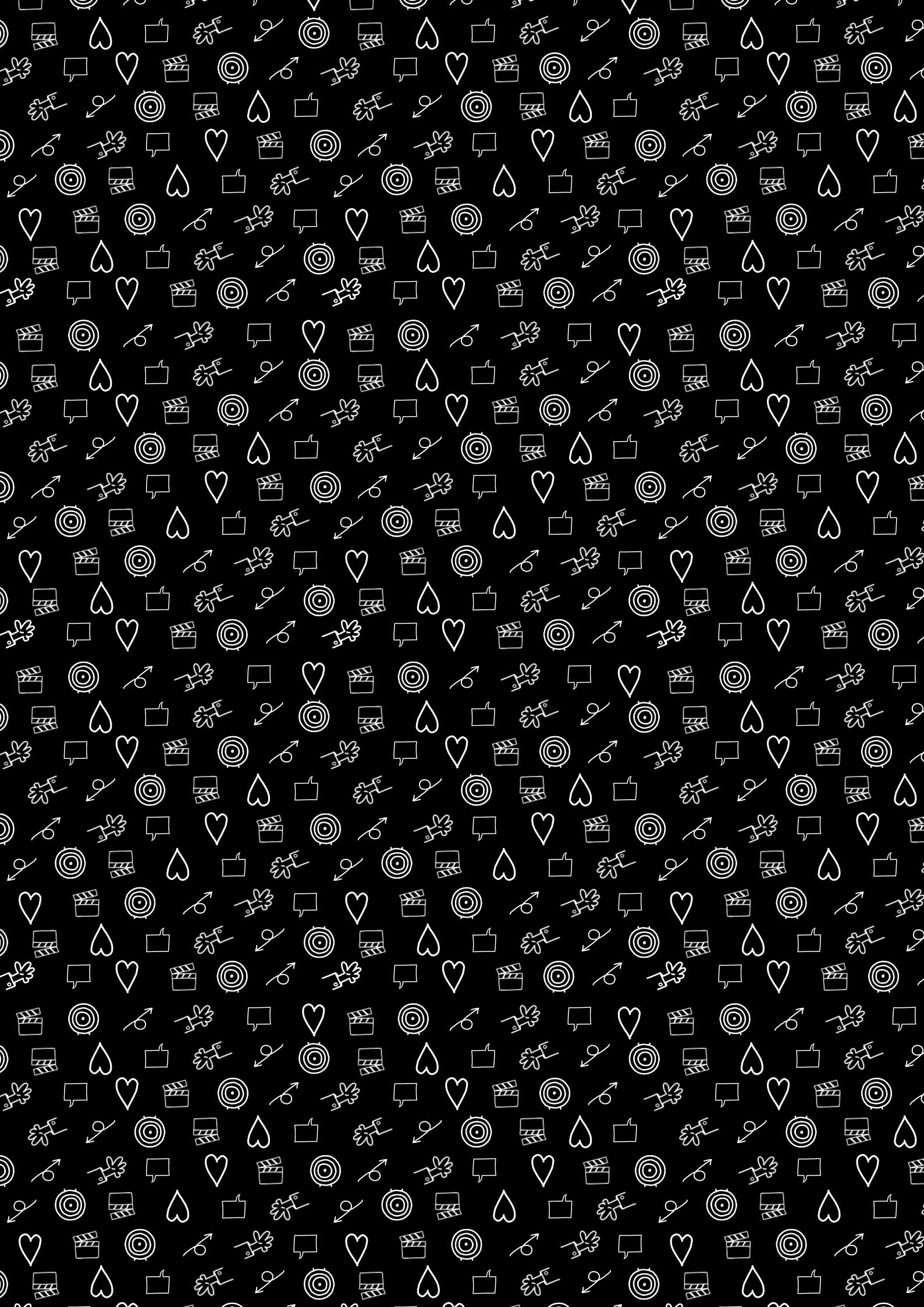
1. **Preselect** a series of cards that will guide the participants reflection.
2. **Organize** your participants to debrief.
3. **Give them** the cards sorted in the right order.
4. Ask them to **self organize** by taking turns to explore the cards.
5. Use a signal to remind them of the **timebox**.
6. Plan extra time to **share what they discovered**.

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## How to use this deck 4/4 EXPLORE

1. Form **groups** to debrief, give each a deck of cards and have them spread out face down.
2. Invite them to take turns selecting a card and **starting the conversation** by asking the question at the top.
3. **Encourage** them to explore several cards within the timebox.
4. Bring everyone back together to **share what they have discovered**.

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What was your goal? Phrase it in one sentence.

Follow up with these:

- ⦿ Did anyone have a different goal?
- ⦿ Why was there a difference?
- ⦿ Did this make a difference?

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What would you have liked to have known beforehand?

Follow up with these:

- ⦿ How would this have helped?
- ⦿ Where was the information needed?
- ⦿ What stopped you from getting it?

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How did you align on the goal?

Follow up with these:

- ⦿ What made the alignment easy/hard?
- ⦿ Did everyone agree?
- ⦿ Doing it again, how would you align differently?

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Was there a shared understanding of the goal?

Follow up with these:

- ⦿ How did you reach the shared understanding?
- ⦿ Would a shared understanding have helped?
- ⦿ Did everyone agree?

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How is your understanding of the goal different now?

Follow up with these:

- ⦿ How did your awareness change?
- ⦿ What did you learn?
- ⦿ How would the experience change, if you knew this beforehand?

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How did you start?

Follow up with these:

- ⦿ Was everyone aware?
- ⦿ Did you have to stop and restart?
- ⦿ What helped?

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What was most challenging?

Follow up with these:

- ⦿ Why?
- ⦿ Who in the room was best equipped to meet this challenge?
- ⦿ What did this experience teach you about your day-to-day?

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Follow up with these:

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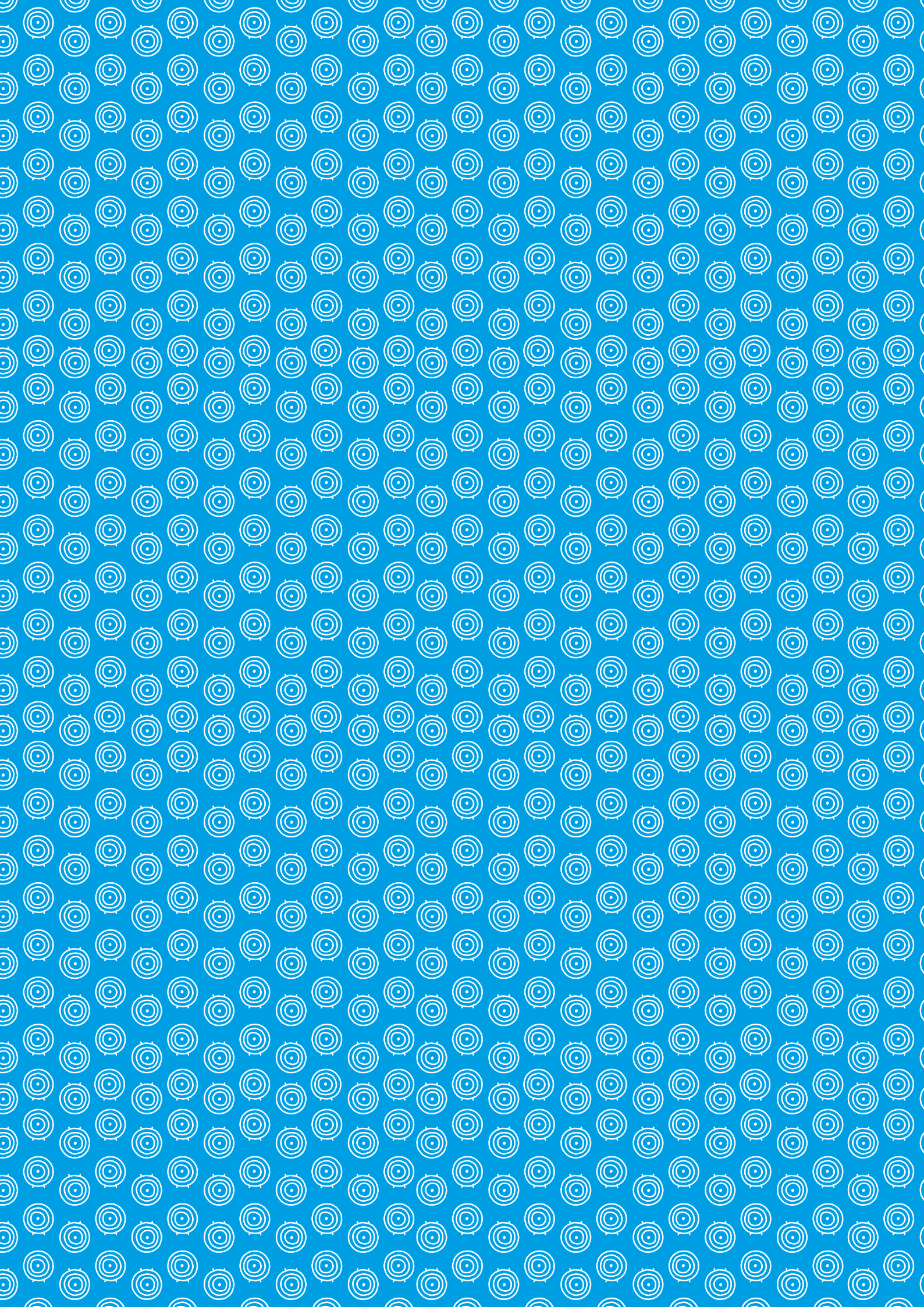
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What steps were taken?

Did you assume anything that turned out to be wrong?

What was the defining moment that changed things?

Follow up with these:

- ✎ Why?
- ✎ Who in the room was best equipped to meet this challenge?
- ✎ What did this experience teach you about your day-to-day?

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Follow up with these:

- ✎ What was your assumption?
- ✎ What led to this?
- ✎ Why was it wrong?

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Follow up with these:

- ✎ What was the impact?
- ✎ Could this have happened earlier?
- ✎ What would have been different?

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How could you have made the process more/less pleasant?

What decisions did you make?

What ideas, innovation or changes emerged?

Follow up with these:

- ✎ What would you have done differently?
- ✎ How would this have changed the experience?
- ✎ Would there have been a different result?

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Follow up with these:

- ✎ How did you decide?
- ✎ Why did you need to decide?
- ✎ Was it a good or bad decision?

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Follow up with these:

- ✎ Where did they come from?
- ✎ How effective were they?
- ✎ What surprised you?

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What reminded you of your day-to-day?

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Follow up with these:

- ✎ How is this similar?
- ✎ What is the impact?
- ✎ What did this experience teach you?

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How did you  
organize  
yourselves?

Follow up with these:

- Who was leading/facilitating?
- Who was following?
- How did you make decisions?

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Did something  
unpredictable  
happen?

Follow up with these:

- What was unpredictable?
- Did you want to control/avoid this?
- How & why?

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What changes in  
group dynamics  
did you experience?

Follow up with these:

- What caused this change?
- How did this impact your experience?
- Was everybody aware of this change?

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How was the  
participation  
distributed?

Follow up with these:

- Was everybody included?
- How did you achieve this?
- Was this ideal?

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How could you  
have worked  
together better?

Follow up with these:

- How would this have helped?
- When did you realize this was an option?
- What stopped you?

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What interesting  
behaviours did you  
observe?

Follow up with these:

- Why was this interesting to you?
- What was/wasn't helpful?
- Why?

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Where have you  
encountered  
similar behaviours?

Follow up with these:

- Describe the similarity
- Is there a similar impact?
- What did this experience teach you about your day-to-day?

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What didn't you say, that you wish you had?

Follow up with these:

- What stopped you from saying it?
- What would have been different if said?
- What question would you have liked to ask yourself/the team?

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What non-verbal communication was there?

Follow up with these:

- What was the impact on you and the group?
- Could others have interpreted this differently?
- How could you be certain?

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What did this teach you about great communication?

Follow up with these:

- What was great about it?
- How would you teach this to others?
- List your top five communication take-aways!

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What mis-communications were there?

Follow up with these:

- What were the causes?
- How did this impact the experience?
- How could you have communicated better?

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Did you communicate enough?

Follow up with these:

- Why?
- How would more/less communication have impacted your experience?
- Did anything stop you from communicating more or less?

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Doing it again, how would you communicate differently?

Follow up with these:

- What would be the impact on you/others?
- Why didn't this happen earlier?
- What would have helped you realise?

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What is left unspoken?

Follow up with these:

- How did you notice?
- Would speaking about it have helped?
- What did this experience teach you about your day-to-day?

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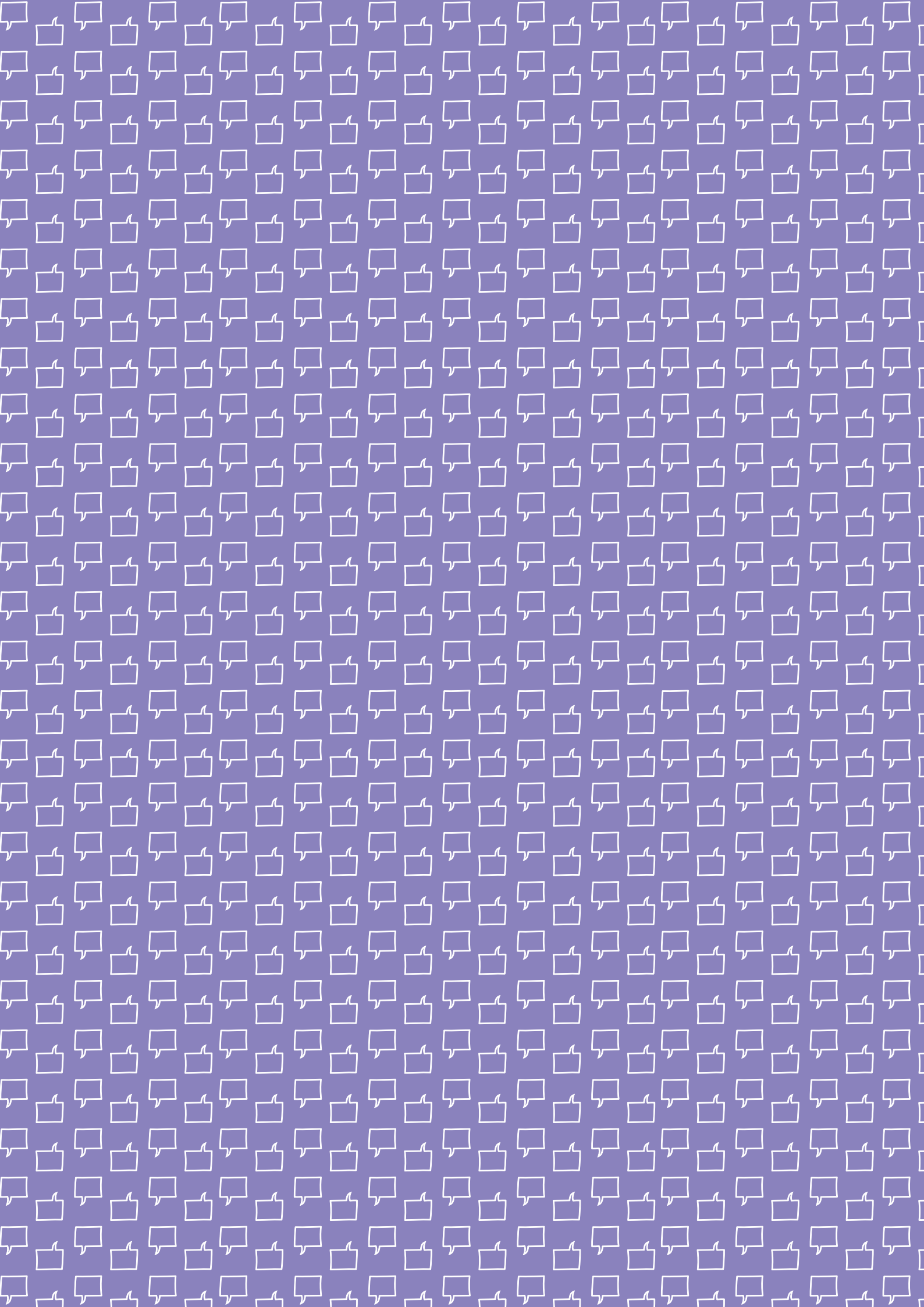
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What did you like or dislike about the experience?

Follow up with these:

- ♥ What specifically?
- ♥ Why?
- ♥ What else?

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Where have you observed similar emotions and behaviours?

Follow up with these:

- ♥ Where did it happen (work/private life)?
- ♥ How was it similar?
- ♥ What happened?

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When did you care most/least about the outcome?

Follow up with these:

- ♥ What made you care more/less?
- ♥ Did anybody feel the same way?
- ♥ How strongly did you feel about it?

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What else would you like to share?

Follow up with these:

- ♥ What did you learn about other people's emotions?
- ♥ Did empathy play a role?
- ♥ What did this experience teach you about your day-to-day?

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How did you feel?

Follow up with these:

- ♥ Were others aware that you felt that way?
- ♥ What led to this feeling?
- ♥ How did you feel before?

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What was this experience like?

Follow up with these:

- ♥ Describe with a #hashtag!
- ♥ What about it made it like this?
- ♥ What would be a good comparison?

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How did you deal with your emotions?

Follow up with these:

- ♥ Which emotions exactly?
- ♥ Has this happened to you before?
- ♥ Did anybody else notice?

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Follow up with these:

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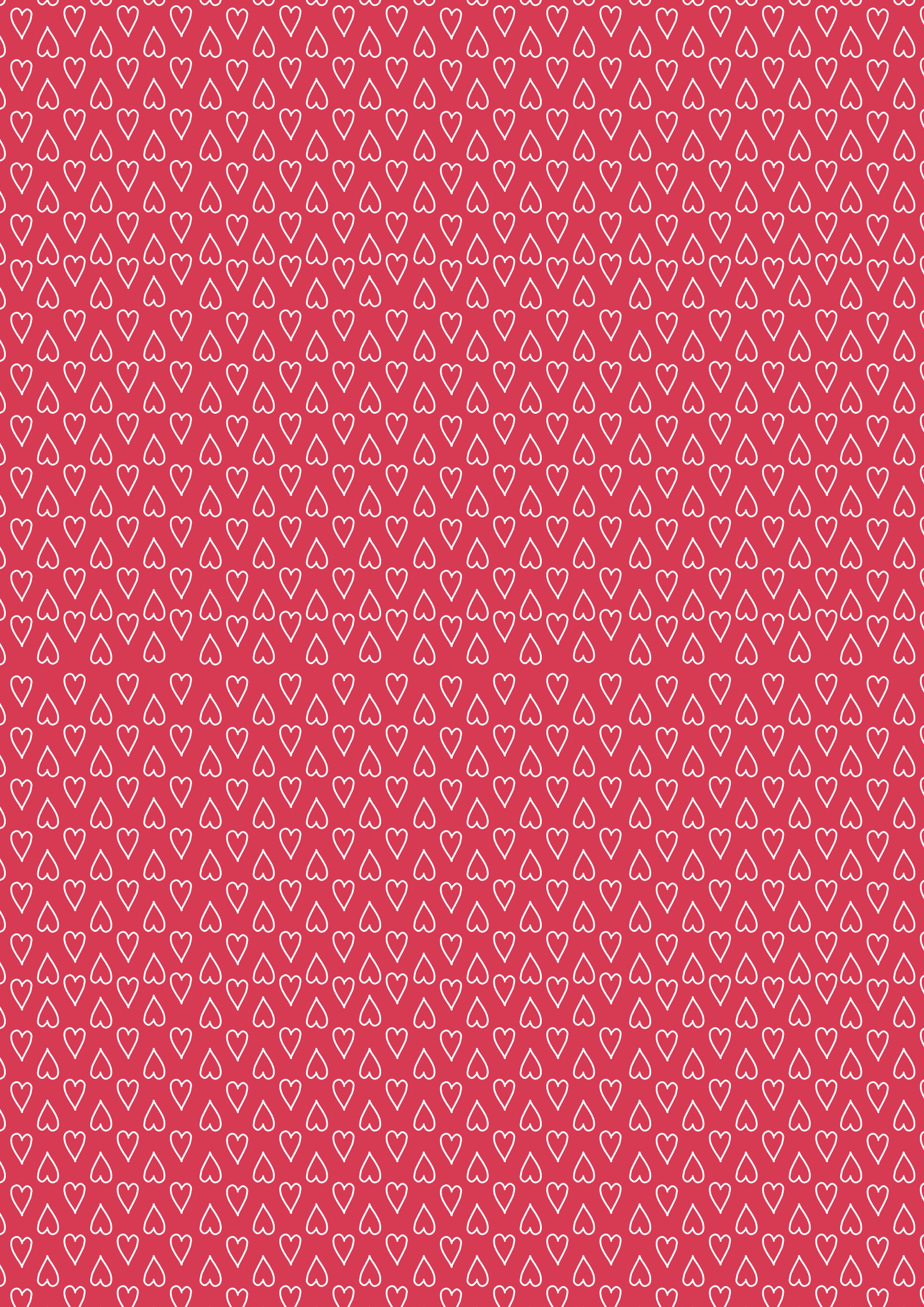
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What does this experience remind you of in your day-to-day?

What did you learn about yourself and the team?

What did you do that will be beneficial in your day-to-day life?

Follow up with these:

- How was this similar?
- What insights does this give you?
- Does this present any opportunities?

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Follow up with these:

- Was this a surprise?
- What would you share with others?
- Phrase it as a slogan or a motto!

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Follow up with these:

- What would you like to happen?
- What first steps could you take?
- How would you know that you are succeeding?

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What are you more aware of now?

What are the top 5 things you will take away?

If you had a magic wand what one thing would you change?

Follow up with these:

- How will you remember this tomorrow?
- Does this inspire you?
- How will you use this inspiration to help you or your team?

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Follow up with these:

- What inspired your top 5?
- What are you going to do with them?
- How will you share with others?

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Follow up with these:

- Why?
- Why?
- Why?

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What would an expert make of your experience?

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Follow up with these:

- How would they summarize it in five words?
- What would the expert suggest?
- What did this experience teach you about your day-to-day?

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