


Musical Chairs

 **Step:** Two - Choose an issue!

 **Time:** 45 min

 **Space and materials:**

- Large room where participants can easily move;
- Chairs (1 chair fewer than the number of participants in a group);
- Sheets of paper;
- Pens or markers.

 **Description of the tool**

1. Ask the participants to brainstorm and write on separate sheets of papers issues related to the use of stuff (the results of the activity *Broaden Horizons* might be used for this purpose, if relevant). Alternatively, you can prepare the issues in advance. Each participant takes one issue and reads it out loud to the whole group.
2. Explain that through the *Musical Chairs* activity the participants will have to prioritise the issues which are most of the interest to the whole group.
3. Play *Musical Chairs* as follows: A circle (or two lines back to back, depending on the space) is made out of chairs. There must be the same number of chairs and participants in the beginning. Play some music and invite everyone to dance around the chairs. While the group is dancing, one of the chairs is taken away. When the music stops, everyone must sit on a separate chair. There will be one person who doesn't have a chair.
4. Each time when the music stops and one player stays without a chair, he/she reminds their issue to the group. The group decides, if this issue has to be taken out, or should it stay in the game. If anyone thinks they have an issue with a lower priority or interest, they might suggest to change places with the participant and leave the game instead of them.
5. The game continues while only one participant with the issue stays in the game. Invite everybody back to the plenary and discuss the following questions:
 - What did you learn during the activity?
 - How would you evaluate the decision making process?
 - What would you prioritise – individual or collective opinion?
 - Do you think the issue chosen as the first priority is the most important to the whole humankind? Why?
 - What else do you need to learn to cope with the issue you have chosen?

 **Additional remarks**

The tool can be used for any other theme.