


Charades

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

 **Time:** 45 min

 **Space and materials:**

- Room allowing to sit in circle and work in small groups;
- Pieces of paper and markers;
- Timer (optional).

 **Description of the tool**

This exercise allows participants to think about the issues which constitute one big theme and have fun explaining them to each other.

1. In the beginning, explain to the participants that the theme of TECHNOLOGY is huge, and to explore it, we need to break it down to smaller issues.
2. Divide the participants into smaller groups and ask them to think about the issues which surround the theme of TECHNOLOGY. They could also use the issues they've been referring to in the previous exercise as an inspiration (if applicable), but also – very importantly – their own experience and local reality.
3. Give them time and make sure you go around the group to direct them and give examples, if needed. Each issue they come up with should be readable noted down on a separate piece of paper.
4. When the groups are ready, ask them to present the issues playing Charades, where one person tries to explain the other groups an issue without talking but just using body language. If you want to, you can set time limits and put down the score. In any case, make sure you put all issues together on a poster. After all the groups have presented, you will have the full list of issues for further exploration.
5. Debrief with exemplary questions:
 - How did you enjoy the exercise and how do you find the results?
 - Are there issues still missing and what?
 - Why is it important to break down big themes to smaller issues?

 **Additional remarks**

If the participants struggle to cut the big theme in issues, ask them to think about how this theme is perceived by different social groups – for example, different nations, different age groups, different genders, people with different income, etc. In case the groups are stuck with identifying smaller issues, you can hint them in different directions: fairness of resources used for technology, use of natural resources, access to technology, child labour in the production chain, internet safety, excessive use of phones, dependency on technology, etc.

The tool can also be used with any other theme.