

Where Do You Stand?

 **Step:** One - Get Connected!

 **Time:** 45 min

 **Space and materials:**

- Big space where participants can freely move;
- Signs 'I Agree' and 'I Disagree';
- List of statements.

 **Description of the tool**

The activity is one of the forms of conducting a discussion, finding out one's own position towards different issues, and generating arguments that defend this position.

1. Prepare the room. Place chairs in two different parts of the room facing each other. Place the sign 'I agree' on one side of the room and 'I disagree' on the other.
2. Inform the participants that they are going to participate in a discussion. They will hear different statements and will need to decide if they agree or disagree with them by taking a seat on the respective side of the room. They will be asked to explain their choice. It is possible to move from one side to the other during the discussion, if the arguments of the opposite side are convincing.
3. Read the first statement (it is always good to have the statements written down on the flipchart or projected) and ask the participants to take their positions. Ask volunteers from both sides to explain their choice and encourage them to discuss. Finish when the participants run out of arguments, or they spent over 10 minutes on one statement.
4. Ask the participants how they felt during the activity and whether it was difficult to take positions. You can focus the debriefing on the topic of critical thinking. Questions to debrief the activity:
 - Based on what kind of information were you taking positions?
 - Were you influenced by the position of others while taking yours?
 - From what sources do you usually get the information on these topics? How reliable are they?
 - What can we do to ensure that we can trust our sources of information?

 **Annex: List of Statements**

- Equality means no special treatment – for anyone.
- I don't judge the people by the way they look.
- Multiculturalism doesn't work.
- Not all the countries need to accept refugees. Poor economy can be an excuse.
- We should accept all expressions of people's culture.
- Human Rights stand above culture.
- I can make a difference.