A Cultural Meaning Check - Shared Pattern Map

25 minutes | 3-12 people | Adults with trained group facilitation

Identify assumptions about a symbol, practice, or value and ask how the maker understands it.

Open with choice - 3 minutes

Explain the purpose, privacy limits, and the option to observe, use fiction, adapt, or pass. Check access needs and group readiness; do not promise absolute confidentiality.

Meet the fictional case - 4 minutes

A participant uses an image the facilitator interprets differently. Ask what is known, what is assumed, and what the person in the case wants.

Practice: Mapping - 11 minutes

Identify assumptions about a symbol, practice, or value and ask how the maker understands it. Each person privately maps the fictional case. Offer optional contributions to a shared map, then compare where context, access, and support change the picture. Do not interpret another person's map.

Reflect and compare - 4 minutes

Whose meaning should guide the conversation? Ask what fits, what does not, and what external conditions or supports affect the options. No personal disclosure is required.

Close and integrate - 3 minutes

Invite an optional observation, support request, or small next step. Passing is welcome. Agree how to revisit questions and seek appropriate help outside the exercise.

Practice output

A map with at least two possible support or choice points.

Scope and care

Use fictional or ordinary examples, consent, accessibility adaptations, and passing. Original educational group facilitation; not a complete treatment protocol. Do not interpret drawings or require personal disclosure.

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