

Full Circle Learning



Engaging your community

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Study Circles

What are they?

What
can
they do
for you?

Who needs
them?

*How
do
they work?*

What are they?

- Small groups of five to twenty five people, talking, listening and sharing.
- Each person is heard, acknowledged, involved, challenged and connected.
- The study circle is not a place to win arguments but to share ideas and knowledge.

Geeveston Study Circle Group



Who needs them?

- Anyone who believes we must talk together to constructively address problems we face.
- People who want to be involved but can only make short term time commitments.



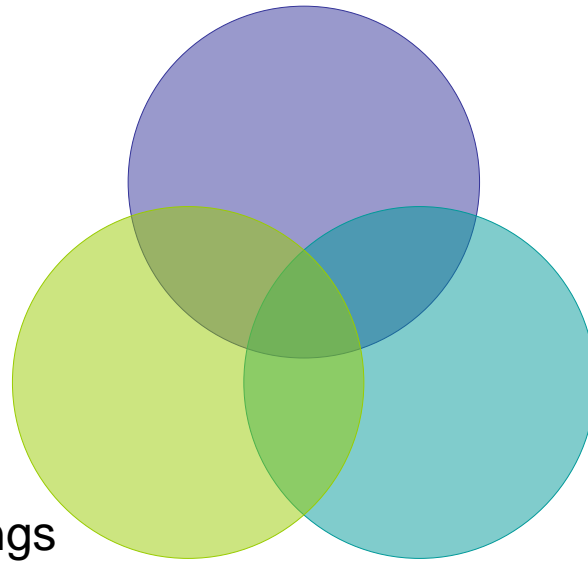
What can they do for you?

- Help you to develop good listening and speaking skills and well thought out opinions.
- Assist you to participate effectively in our rapidly changing world including education and study.



How do they work?

Group facilitator training



Study Circle meetings

Community introduction

Tasmanian Communities Online

Supporting local study circles



In 2005, study circle trials were conducted in eight regional communities across the State.

Quote from a Coordinator who attended
the workshop on
Effective facilitation: starting with strength.

*“I now have more confidence in
my own communication and
questioning skills and a better
ability to facilitate and support
many styles of learning”*



According to Trish Nichele, who is a mother of eight, Being a member of the study circle has been an important part of her succeeding and persevering with the Certificate II in Business.

“When I am home I get interrupted and sometimes it is easy to get lost on a particular topic and just leave it but when we are in the group we provide each other with support which I find really important.

It helps that the Online Access Centre is close by and it also provides me with a chance to get together with other friends in the community which didn't happen before.” *Trish Nichele*

Community Learning

- Learning communities are developed where groups of people, linked geographically or by shared interest, collaborate and work in partnership to address their members' learning needs.
- Learning communities facilitated through adult and community education are a powerful tool for social cohesion, community capacity building and social, cultural and economic development.
(Department of Education, 2003, p.12)
- <http://www.education.tas.gov.au/stateoflearning>