Dotmocracy Protocol

This protocol is used to take a “pulse” or a “sense of the meeting” and see what priorities are emerging within the group at a given moment. It can also be used for voting!

HOW IT WORKS:

Each participant gets 3 sticker “dots” that they can distribute as “votes” by sticking them next to the the ideas that are standing out to them in some way (the ones we should focus on, the ones we should prioritize right now – whatever prompt is given by facilitators is fine).

They can decide to spread out their dots across 3 ideas or to distribute them differently (all 3 dots on one idea, 2 dots to one idea and 1 dot to another).

Allow the group a few minutes to take in the full scope of ideas available and then invite them to take turns approaching in order to “vote”.

Note to participants whether this is a true vote at this point (that is binding) or, more commonly in this protocol, simply a way to get an idea of where consensus might be developing without necessarily committing to a direction at this point.

You can also invite groups to initial ideas that they find most compelling without giving a strict limit on the number of ideas for them to initial.



TIP: *You can also use sticky notes, pieces of washi tape, or another type of sticker (voting with glitter dinosaurs, anyone?!) as your voting “dots.”*