

TABLE 9: POTENTIAL ENERGIES

GENERAL CONCEPT:

TALK TABLE FOR 9 PEOPLE WITH 2-3 NESTED, ROTATABLE CONCENTRIC RINGS CONTAINING TEXT TO PROMPT, INSPIRE, OR SUPPORT ENGAGEMENT

ARRIVE AT THE TABLE WITH A GROUP OR TEAM AND SESSION FRAMING IN MIND - WHY ARE YOU HERE? (CONVERSATION, STORY TIME, GAME, BRAINSTORMING SESSION, REVERSE-PSYCHOLOGY EXERCISE, HELPFINDING, VISIONING, PROBLEM-SOLVING ETC.) -- OR, ARRIVE AT THE TABLE AND BEGIN VIA SPINNING RINGS WHEN YOU HAVE GATHERED 8 MORE STRANGERS. PARTICIPANTS COULD ALSO NUMBER 3 OR 6.

SPIN 1 RING TO SET YOUR SPECIFIC FRAMING (OR LET THE TABLE OR GROUP CHOOSE YOUR FRAMING). OUTERMOST RING IS STATIONARY TO ALLOW PLACEMENT OF COFFEE CUPS, PHONES, NOTEBOOKS, ETC.

SPIN ADDITIONAL RING TO SELECT NEXT PARAMETER - EACH NESTED RING HAS A SET OF ENGAGEMENT PARAMETERS ON IT - THESE COULD BE ANYTHING FROM TOPICS TO SPECIFIC FLAVORS, MYTHOLOGIES, CONTEXTS, OR E.G.

INTENSITY (MINIMUM, MEDIUM, MAXIMUM) **INTENTION** (SELECT, DETECT, REJECT) OR **FRAMING** (E.G. NATURE, MUSIC, ART, MYSTICISM, LAW, POLITICS, ETC.) AND/OR **ROLE** (E.G. PARTICIPANT, MEDIATOR, SCRIBE, DEVIL'S ADVOCATE, CHAOS AGENT, ETC.)

TABLE MIGHT BE SUPPLIED WITH A SET OF 3 MORE *INTERCHANGEABLE RINGS* TO EXPAND THE POSSIBLE COMBINATIONS OF FRAMING.

MATERIALS: INLAID, LASERCUT, OR PAINTED WOOD, ETCHED ALUMINUM, HIGH-DURABILITY SATIN URETHANE SURFACES, AESTHETIC/ARTWORK TBD

