



SYP Tool: Seek Common Ground

Title: What do you see?

Objective: Discuss the importance of seeking common ground

Material: Old lady Young lady image

Activity: Display one of the Old lady/Young lady images to the group. Ask the participants to raise their hand if they see an old woman in the image. Ask the participants to raise their hand if they see a young woman in the image. Then ask how many participants see both images. Make sure that you point out both images to everyone at the end.

Debrief:

- Why do you think we saw different images?
- Seeking common ground means that we are going into a conversation looking for an area of agreement. What common ground is there in this image? (Both perspectives can agree that there is a woman in the picture)
- Think about a time where you were in a conversation where one side was only seeing "an old lady" and the other person was only seeing "a young lady". What common ground were you able to establish?
- What are the barriers to seeking common ground? (flipchart)
- What strategies have worked well in your experience to establish common ground? (flipchart)