

DIALOGUE IS NOT “ADVOCACY”:

in advocacy, the objective is to rally support for a specific idea or action in general. Therefore, the intention is to convince others of your perception. In dialogue, convincing others should not be the objective.

DIALOGUE IS NOT A “CONSULTATION”:

in consultations, the organizers receive feedback or opinions on certain topics from the participants to get their feedback and sometimes to identify their needs or to develop recommendations for solutions. Dialogue is not a relationship between a beneficiary and a service provider where feedback is needed in one direction.

DIALOGUE IS NOT A “CONFERENCE”:

in conferences, people come to share their theories and statements in a formal setting. Dialogue is less formal and based more on sharing personal and collective experiences, it is not a space for intellectualizing and theorizing.

DIALOGUE IS NOT A “DISCUSSION”:

in salons and discussions, participants explore a topic with the intention of learning more about a topic, with less emphasis on the participants. In dialogue, the participants and their relationships are at the centre of the process.



DIALOGUE IS NOT A “DEBATE”:

in debate, each party tries to prove that their ideas are the right ones, and disqualify the other party’s ideas. In Dialogue, participants come to learn about each other, rather than informing each other or proving each other is wrong.



DIALOGUE IS NOT A “NEGOTIATION”:

in negotiation, the parties come with the pressure of reaching an agreement. In dialogue, the intention is to learn about the other party’s perception of the topic without the pressure of reaching a resolution.

