



Laser Ball







A quick way to engage the audience and challenge their imagination.



Objective

Lightens the mood and creates a visual and physical connection between participants in a creative way.



What it takes

Easy facilitation 5-10 persons (breakout groups possible for larger groups) 5-10 minutes



Note

easy engagement for virtual audiences



Process

Ask everyone to imagine that we are able to pass on a ball across space to others on the call. Then show participants your imaginary ball and describe it: "This is a very large and soft ball, and I am throwing it to... Peter! Are you ready?" Wait until Peter is ready to receive the ball, and then ask Peter to throw it to the next person. The type of ball can change (a laser ball, a prickly heavy ball etc).

Ensure that everybody had a chance to receive and throw the ball.

Encourage participants to debrief after this exercise (verbally or in the chat): How did you experience this exercise? How does this relate to our current ways of working?

Facilitation tips

- Actively facilitate this and ensure you demonstrate this first with someone who is able to creatively receive your thrown ball.
- For larger groups you can demonstrate this in plenary and then send people in smaller breakout groups (3-6 participants) to throw the ball, followed by a short reflection.

Climate relevance

This is a good exercise to test the creativity and imagination of the participants as well as the ability to think out of the box. Solving complex climate problems requires precisely this kind of thinking.



