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Active involvement creates good results

When Annette Skaaning organizes meetings and conferences for the Danish Society for Patient Safety, the traditional cinema layout and the endless monologues are replaced with creative setup and active involvement. The results are happy attendees and a happy management.

- The feedback from the participants is very positive - when you involve them and give them the opportunity to spare with each other, here they get to take so much more home rather than if they had been sitting passively and just listening, says Annette Skaaning.

Knowledge sharing at the World Cafe

Annette's team uses a variety of methods to involve the participants. One of these successful methods is the World Cafe, where participants go from coffee table to coffee table and share knowledge with each other about a selected topic. The tablecloths on the tables are of paper which you can draw and write on and then hang on the wall for a follow-up workshop.

Network and professional achievement in focus

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For example, Annette Skaaning likes to start a meeting with a network bingo, where each participant gets a bingo card and has to walk around and talk with the other participants in order to get bingo. "It creates a good atmosphere and energy from the start of the meeting, and then you get people to talk and know each other a little better." says Skaaning.

Focus on the creative setup

Annette Skaaning is committed to provide inspiring physical environments that create the right starting point for dialogue and involvement. Therefore, the meeting participants often sit in small groups at round tables, so that they have the opportunity to talk to each other. At other times she has completely removed the tables or had the participants stand around tall tables:

- ... it offers great flexibility and creates a whole different dynamic when the participants are active and moving around the room, concludes Skaaning.