

Current Eventshop

What This is a transition activity used to keep the group abreast of current events and relating the events with the focus of the group discussion. As a warm-up it can be fun, enlightening or provocative.

When It is normally used at the opening of the day when the group needs time to refocus on the work at hand. However, it could also be used after lunch for the same purpose.

- How**
- 1. Obtain current newspaper(s):** Get one or more copies of current newspaper or news magazine. You need enough to be able to distribute at least one page of random content to each participant.
 - 2. Distribute Newspaper:** Separate at least one newspaper page of random content and distribute to each participant. Content can be from any section, local or world news, business, current events, metro section, and advertisement inserts, etc. If the group is large you might need several newspapers. Instruct participants to briefly scan their pages and to pick one article to read for the group. Participants must provide a brief overview of the article without reading it to the group. They complete their recap with an explanation of how the content relates to the group/meeting discussion. Give the group 5 to 7 minutes to read the articles. If you must pass out more than one paper consider that the opportunity for multiple reviews of a single article exists.
 - 3. News Briefings:** At the conclusion of the read time ask the group for a volunteer to kick off the briefing. Each briefing should take less than 1 minute. One at a time participants provide a recap or overview of the article content then convey how it relates to group/meeting discussion. Encourage them to have fun and to take risks. If an article is already reviewed by someone else the participant has the opportunity to provide their own recap (possibility of a different view) or do a different article.

