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Scenario	Response
	Step One:
	Validate their passion for the topic or valuable contribution
	- I can see you have given this a lot of thought, Jack
	- I know this is an area you care a lot about, Sarah
	Step Two
	Don't shame them for interrupting. Normalise the behaviour.
Someone repeatedly interrupting	 You clearly have a lot of passion here and its normal in that context to just want to share it! Step Three
	Protect the speaker's space by taking the focus back to the person who was talking
	 We hadn't quite finished hearing what Mary was saying; can we get back to you after that? There are still a few people we haven't heard from, so let's do that before we get into more detail.
Getting off track in conversation Strong differences of opinion	Step One: notice
	- Call it early. Make everyone aware that the conversation has drifted. The longer the hesitate
	the harder it will be to draw the group back and regain their attention.
	Step Two: Name the need to move on
	- This sounds like a post-session conversation. Let's pick it up then.
	Stage One
	Step one: Notice and Name
	- It looks like there are some strong feelings here.
	Step Two: Validate and normalise
	- It can be hard to hear each other when we have such strong feelings
	- This is a big issue, no wonder there are some strong feelings going on!
	Step Three: Wonder
	- I'm wondering if we can just take a breath here and make sure we are hearing each other
	Step One: Validate
	I don't really know what to say right now, Beth. I'm just so glad you told me.
	Step 2: Normalise
	I'm sure anyone would have struggled in that situation.
Dropping emotional bomb	Step 3: Move back to the content ONLY AFTER the girl feels heard

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	I know this is important and I'm worried if we talk about it now, I won't be able to give it the attention it deserves. Let's talk about this after the session.
	DON'T: Gloss over it because you feel awkward or try and relate it straight back to the topic prematurely: "That's really hard That reminds me of the next case we are talking about on sexual grooming"
	Step One: Validate - Take a breath - Don't be judgemental - This is tricky content. I can see I haven't worded that explanation well.
Comments directed at the Facilitator	Step 2: Normalise - I still struggle with this after studying it for years
	It's best not to put people on the spot that breeds resentment or fear
Someone not participating	Step 1: If few people have not yet spoken on the discussion point, we can NOTICE and NAME this - I NOTICE that a few people haven't spoken yet. Does anyone who hasn't spoken yet want to say something? Step Two: We then validate non-participation and create a space where they feel comfortable sharing - Some people learn best by observing and are more comfortable listening than talking.
	Step Three: If a particular person has not spoken and you want them to, give them some warning first by validating the value of their perspective - Your role in admin has some specific insights that are very important to our discussion, Ally. I know you said earlier you didn't have anything to add, but I'm worried about missing on your valuable contributions.