“Speed Dating”-- topic pitch and review

This quick, shorthand exchange is to be used during early research topic development in order to focus and refine the direction of inquiry.

1. “Presenters” are randomly partnered with a “Listener” according to the restrictions of the setting. (inside and outside circles; stations; face-to-face lines)

2. “Presenters” have one minute to “pitch” each topic in development to the “Listener”.

3. The “Listener” offers a one sentence feedback for improvement or further inquiry (both spoken and written on a post-it or piece of paper) to the presenter. This can be in the form of a suggestion or question.

4. This process is repeated as many times as the presenter has potential topics.

(If the “Listeners” are also research students the roles can be reversed and the process repeated.)