

Making Your Voice Heard

Are you timidly maintaining the status quo or bravely voicing questions and opinions that may bring about change to the system (or set up, textbook choice, etc.)? The status quo is not always bad, and our judgements are at times better left unsaid. On the other hand, change is sometimes necessary, for example, in order to meet the needs of a new generation of students. When and how could you voice opinions that might instigate change? Would a wise question work better than a statement? In the chart below, list some venues where voicing your ideas would plant seeds of change. Then, in the second column, list words or questions you will use to encourage people to think beyond the status quo. An example is included in the first row.

Venue	Opinion or Wise Question
<i>over lunch with colleagues</i>	<i>I've been doing some reading about learner ownership. What are your understandings of learner ownership?</i>