

Field Visit

Type: Sharing Ideas, Practicing



What Is It?

Participants go on a field visit to practice their new skills and / or gain a better understanding of a particular topic or context.

Why Use It?

Gives participants realistic experiences related to the topic
Can be used to help participants practice new skills in a real-life setting

Exposes participants to new contexts or information

How to Use It

1. Organize the logistics for your field visit well in advance: Where will you go? Who will be there to meet you? How will you get there? What materials are required? Do participants need to sign waivers?
2. Prior to the field visit, explain all relevant details to the participants so that they understand where they will be going, the purpose of the visit, and any preparation they will need to do in advance or clothing / material they should bring with them.
3. Take the participants to the field. When you arrive, explain the learning outcomes again and give them clear instructions about what they are meant to do (observe / listen to a speaker, practice a skill, etc.).
4. Be sure to debrief the field visit so that participants can share their reflections and ask questions about what they observed or practiced.