

Peer Presentations

Type: Sharing Ideas, Practicing



What Is It?

In small groups, participants learn about a topic and then present it to the larger group.

Why Use It?

Provides an alternative way to present information without lecturing.

Provides participants with the chance to talk about and share ideas, opinions and feelings.

Enables participants to become active (not passive) learners

Helps create a shared learning environment where everyone learns from each other.

How to Use It

1. Choose learning material that can be broken down into several parts or create a list of topics that participants can learn about. Identify what questions you want them to be able to answer about each topic, and prepare resources that answer those questions.
2. Divide the group into small groups (maximum 3 per group).
3. Inform each group that they need to learn and present their topic to the rest of the group in an engaging way.
4. Provide each group with the resources you want them to read / research and the list of questions you want them to answer during their presentation. Tell them how much time they will have to do their research and prepare their presentation.
5. Provide any guidelines for the type of presentation you expect them to give (length, format, visual aids).
6. Once they have completed their preparation, ask each group to present their topic to the larger group.
7. After the presentation, clarify anything that was unclear and provide an opportunity for questions and discussion if required.

Trainer Notes

Encourage group participants to present their information in ways other than just lecturing. For example:

- prepare true and false questions for the whole group
- act out what they've learned
- turn what they've learned into a drawing or a poem, etc.

Variation

Jigsaw Design: After each group has studied the workshop topic, have one person from each group join another group. Ask each person to present their study topic to the group. Reconvene the large group; review and discuss any questions or concerns.

Specific presentation format: Ask the participants to use a specific format for presenting their topic, such as a role play, drama, PowerPoint presentation (depending on what is appropriate for the topic).