

Graffiti Wall

Type: Generating Ideas, Checking for Understanding



What Is It?

A structured way for participants to write everything they know or learned about a topic or series of topics.

Why Use It?

Gives participants a non-threatening way to share their ideas and knowledge about a particular topic

Ensures that quieter participants will be able to contribute their ideas

Can be used to review concepts and check what participants learned at the end of a lesson or workshop

How to Use It

1. Choose three-ten topics you want to review or discuss. Take one piece of flip chart paper for each topic. Write the name of the topics at the top of the flip chart papers and tape them on the walls.
2. Break the participants into small groups (one group for each topic).
3. Ask each group to start at a different piece of flip chart paper and write down (with markers) everything they know / remember about that particular topic.
4. After one-two minutes, tell the groups to move clockwise to the next piece of flip chart paper. They should read what the previous group(s) wrote, and add only new ideas that have not yet been written.
5. Continue asking the groups to rotate until each group has written on each topic.
6. When participants return to the topic where they started, ask them to walk around the room and read the other pages.
7. Debrief with the whole group and discuss any ideas that were incorrect or missing. Review the most important points.

Variation

Graffiti Drawing Walls: Instead of writing what they know, participants draw pictures to represent their ideas about, or understanding of, each topic.