

Muddiest Point

Type: Checking for Understanding



What Is It?

Participants give the trainer a slip of paper on which they have written the most confusing or unclear point from the lesson / day.

Why Use It?

Gives participants a safe way to express what they are confused about

Gives trainers an opportunity to assess the effectiveness of their lesson and identify points to clarify

How to Use It

1. At the end of a lesson or day of training, give each participant a slip of paper.
2. Ask the participants to write down the “muddiest point” from the day. What confused them the most or was the least clear?
3. Ask the participants to give you their slip of paper before they leave the room.
4. Review the “muddiest point” slips and address them later in the workshop to help clarify.

Variation

Clearer Point: Instead of having them write down their “muddiest point,” ask the participants to write down one thing they learned or found very clear and easy to understand.