

Facilitating fun – ideas for generating discussion

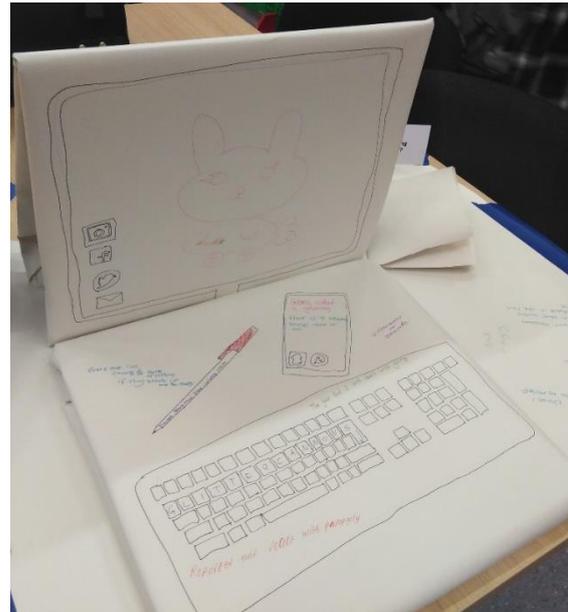
Gathering opinions and facilitating discussion can be easier if you have engaging and interactive resources in your kitbag. These simple ideas can be adapted to your situation.

Build your own props

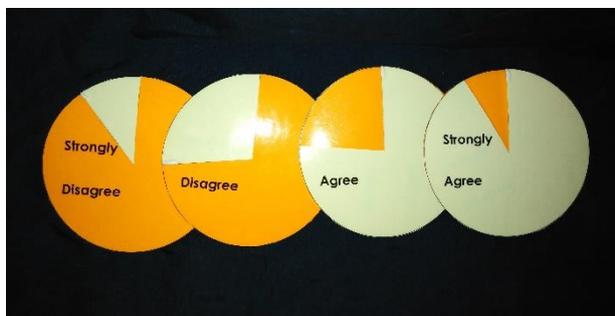
You want to capture opinions in writing. You could pass round the post-it notes but it's much more fun to create tailor made props for your group to write all over.

We created this 'cardboard classroom' for an education-related consultation for both young people and adults. We found that some people wanted to write big and stand out while others hid their comments within the design. But everyone participated and got to have their say.

Made from lining paper and cardboard packaging, it's easy to tailor your build to your group or theme.



Make voting interactive



Gathering votes is a quick way to collect views. There are lots of online tools for voting via smart devices but we've gone old school with these voting wheels. Made up from two interlocking discs, participants can twist the wheels to cast a vote between *strongly disagree* to *strongly agree*. You can download the instructions from our resources page, to make your own wheels, or buy them ready-made from our shop.

Create a blank canvas

Everyone loves a stick wall! It's the perfect blank canvas on which to stick mind maps, tables, diagrams – whatever you fancy. It's easy to transport and can be attached to any wall with masking tape, without risk of damage. You can stick normal paper and card onto the wall and peel it off again – just like magic!



We make ours from kite fabric coated with spray mount. Easy to make if you're handy with a sewing machine, or visit our shop for the ready-made version.

Money for old rope



By using washing, you can create floor spaces for participants to move into. We've used them for quizzes -stand in the circle that you think is the right answer – inspired by the 70's kids' TV show Runaround! We've built giant human Venn diagrams to find out what our participants do and don't have in common. And we've created a compass, that became a clock face for a series of icebreakers. Basically, the world's your oyster.

There's no doubt that getting people up and moving encourages interaction.