
Recording without flipcharts

Posted by clarehaynes - 2009/10/29 14:28

Does anyone have any innovative ways of getting people to record their thoughts (e.g. brainstorm ideas) which are a) an alternative to flipcharts, and which b) must also be easily transportable and presentable from breakout room to the main training room to share with the whole group?

Many thank yous. Clare

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Re:Recording without flipcharts

Posted by B1B*Stella - 2009/10/30 17:43

hi Clare,

Lovely to hear from you!

We've used duplo bricks and pens - you can get people to write on them and then build them into a transportable shape to be carried back into main room.

I've also used laminated sheets - A5 size (or whatever size you need)
cutout shapes - whatever shape works for the session - hands, fruit, etc - helps if you use spray mount

Now for some off the top of a Friday evening head...

How about etchasketch?

how about writing onto card and turning it into shapes - boxes, flowers, etc probably got to be good at origami.

plasticine

record them audibly on tape (if you can find any), mp3 players, mobile phones etc

video the ideas

text each other

finding physical metaphors for their ideas

write ideas on postits and stick to life sized cardboard cutout which can be 'walked' back

ice them onto biscuits.

Right, I'd better stop and go and do something much more sensible. It was a great question Clare.

Hope to see you before too long.

Stella

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Re:Recording without flipcharts

Posted by helenashton - 2009/11/04 09:50

Hi Clare

I am a bit in awe of all Stella's ideas, was that before or after the first glass of wine? The only thing I can add to this list is that they use pieces of paper with a watermarked picture that fits in with the theme or topic for the day. A colleague of ours uses sheets with a picture of a brick wall for things that might prevent you from using your time wisely on a time management course.

Now I have got my creative (green) hat on, how about giving them a newspaper and highlighters to pick out the words or pictures that relate to their thoughts.

Speak to you soon

Helen

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Re:Recording without flipcharts

Posted by John Carter - 2009/11/04 13:22

I use large Post-It notes. You can get them in A5 size in fluorescent colours. They are ideal for sticking on walls etc, and

then easy to transport back for transcribing.

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Re:Recording without flipcharts

Posted by B1B*Stella - 2009/11/23 15:40

Hi John,

Fab to see you posting.

Helen - see how easy it is to put your creative hat on - I just started with a couple of ideas and they mushroomed from there - sounds like you did much the same.

Sam - tell us how you got on!

Warm regards

Stella

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Posted by wynllewellyn - 2009/12/04 13:42

Hi guys - some great ideas here already! One of the tools I have for engaging people and capturing their ideas is a set of magnetic hexagons. A good alternative to post-its and reusable. They have an added advantage in that their hexagonal shape makes them really good for 'clustering' ideas into 'themes'. Not sure what names they are marketed under just now - probably with searching under - 'communikit', 'logo-visual thinking' and 'cognitive mapping' - or maybe just plain 'hexagons'.

the set I've got is pretty old and was marketed by Communikit Systems.

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Re:Recording without flipcharts

Posted by clarehaynes - 2009/12/05 12:20

Thanks to everyone for the great ideas.

Helen - I also use brick walls (laminated sheets A4) for walls/blocks to break down in any topic. Watermarking of themes is brilliant too.

Thanks to Stella and Wyn - thought provoking. Love it!

As feedback, from the event that prompted this request:

The client decided to have takeaway pizza for lunch immediately before my session so I cut off the box lids and got them to use the blank side to record their group's ideas. It was a short session on innovation and challenging for this particular team so one firm committed idea per person was sufficient. They presented back their range of ideas (some dramatically as if they were prompt boards to then ditch over shoulder) and photos of them holding the lids (their "takeaways" from the session) worked a treat.

Thanks for the inspirational ideas. Sorry to respond tardily.

Hope you're all going into the festive season merrily,
Clare

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