

Europe in Perspective

Transnational Training on
Diversity in Cultural Learning

Training Programme

Exploring the different dimensions and definitions of diversity

Day (2)

1 Speed graffiti mind mapping

Warm Up Exercise

20 min

Useful for

Warming up participants at the start of the day, team building and helping the group to get into association/mind mapping mode

Resources needed

Two pin-boards or mounted flip charts placed back to back and with large sheets of papers on them with the same word in the middle of it (covered in the beginning), two marker pens

Room layout

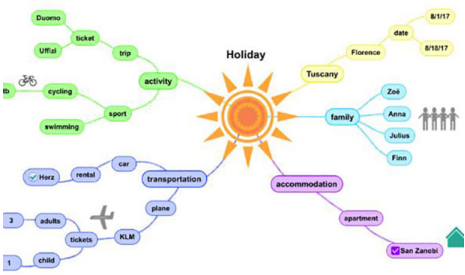
Pin-boards/flip charts standing back to back with a clear area around them

What Happens?

Divide participants into two teams. Each group gets one marker pen. Each team stands a few meters away from the pinboard/flipchart. The word in the middle of each flipchart is the same word for each team. (We tended to use the word holiday.) When the rules of the warm up are explained and understood, reveal the word in the middle of the flipcharts. Then both teams try to write as many words as possible that they associate with the word in the middle or with what has been written by another team member on the flipchart. As each team only has one marker pen, participants on each team can only write words down one person at a time. Participants only have five minutes to write down as many words as they can. Each participant should only write one word each time. So what you see is a participant running up to the board, writing a word and then

running back to their team and handing the marker to the next person. Team members should take it in turns so everyone is contributing. Because the pinboards/flipcharts are back to back, teams cannot see what the others are writing.

After five minutes the process stops and the pinboards are moved so everyone can see what was written on both pinboards/flipcharts. Then the number of words on each piece of paper is counted. Duplicates are disallowed in the counting. The team who came up with the most words is the winner.



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