

Silent wall session

Features Category: Brainstorming

Goal: Democratic way of brainstorming where everyone is covered

Number of persons: 6 - 20

Duration: 20 min Step-by-step plan for implementation

- The trainer announces that a 'silent wall discussion' will take place in the form of a mind map.
- You write a word that will be discussed on a flipchart sheet and draw a circle around it. For example: the word 'role play' in a Trainer training. It must be a subject where not only substantive knowledge is exchanged, but opinions and feelings can also be shared.
- You hang the flipchart sheet on the wall. Each student receives a marker and can start a mind map around the circle with the word by drawing a branch. There is no speaking.
- Each student may make additions to branches that have already been drawn or start a new branch.
- This goes silently for about 10 minutes. So everyone gets the same amount of time and opportunity to write their points on the flipchart sheet.
- After about 10 minutes, the trainer breaks the silence and talks to the group about the result on the flipchart. For example, you can cluster topics or draw a central conclusion about the topic ("Our group apparently feels this way", "You think this is the most important thing").