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Overview

A card swapping and ranking activity that enables a group to share and rank group-generated information.

Purpose

- Needs assessment
- Evaluation

Supplies

- Small index cards – one for each person
- Open floor space to enable the number of people in the group to mingle comfortably
- Bell or whistle

Time

- 20 - 40 minutes

Number of Players

- 10 - 60

Activity Flow

- Introduce the topic to be explored
- Invite participants to select a key insight/comment/question and write it on one side of a small index card
- Explain the voting procedure – in pairs they will be giving each of two cards a score out of 7 (no halves allowed)
- Everybody stands – they each have their card and a pen
- Ask people to start swapping their card with others (keep this happening at a fast pace, calling out Swap! Swap! Swap! Try to avoid people slowing down to read what's on each card they swap)
- After 30 seconds or so ring the bells and form random pairs
- Compare the statements on the two cards and allocate points out of 7. Write the score on the back of the card.
- Start swapping again and continue until 5 rounds have been completed.
- Ask participants to add up the scores on the back of the card they have in the final round. The maximum score is 35.
- Hear what's written on the cards from the highest score to the lowest.

Variations

- Can do only three rounds if short of time (maximum score = 21) or if a smaller group