



Starter

Want to know, need to know

- Individual
- Pairs
- Small group
- Whole group

Uses: This is a straightforward way of encouraging participants to connect with the learning that follows, by asking them to think about what they personally want to know.

Resources: Post-it notes; flipchart paper.

Time: 5 minutes.

What to do:

1. Ask each participant to think of up to three questions they would like to know the answer to, in relation to the topic being covered. They can stick these questions up on the flipchart.
2. Having looked at the other questions, participants can see if they can already offer an answer to anybody else's questions.
3. Questions are left up as a reminder of what the group wants to know.
4. Encourage the group to highlight when they think an answer has been found to a question.
5. Unanswered questions at the end of a session can become the basis for personal research.

Make it different:

- Rather than use Post-it notes, you could create a graffiti wall of questions participants want to find the answer to. Later in the session, answers can be added.

Points to make:

- It is important to connect to the learning by asking questions.
- Questions will direct our brains to seek information, especially if the question has come from us personally.
- Collectively we know a lot more than we do alone. We should use each other as a resource.