



Starter Group mind map

- Individual
- Pairs
- Small group
- Whole group

Uses: To pool the knowledge of the group.

Resources: Pre-prepared mind map arms; lots of blank rectangular cards in different colours if possible; different coloured markers/crayons; blank circular cards for images.

Time: 15-20 minutes.

What to do:

1. Sit or stand in a circle. Check the participants understand the 'rules' of mind mapping. (If they have little previous knowledge of mind mapping you could use this activity to demonstrate how to make a mind map).
2. Decide on the topic for the mind mapping and create a central image (or use a real item) in the centre of the floor space.
3. Now decide on the main branches and lay these out on the floor labelling them with the smaller cards.
4. Either work as a whole group or divide into smaller groups to work on the branches building them up with words and images. Write the words on the rectangular cards and draw images on the circular cards.
5. Review the mind map and collaboratively move or change things around to refine it.

Make it different:

- Do this in smaller groups.

Points to make:

- 'Going large' can make this activity more memorable for the participants.
- If possible – take a photograph of the completed mind map to be displayed and referred to.