Top 10 Tips – Making training more interactive

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Training adults should be learner driven and interactive. Use these tips to build in more interaction.

1. Get learners to decorate the room

Most training rooms are dull or corporate. A fun and engaging activity is 'Create a poster' – ask learners to search the internet for quotes related to the subject and draw up a poster using lots of colours, magazine pictures, glue and crayons. It's involving and you've started the learning process.

2. Case studies

A brief case study engages all learning styles and is superb for drawing out learning points.

3. Quizzes

You can use a paper based quiz or software with individual voting devices. Make them competitive for an added twist.

4. Role Plays

A well designed role play enables people to practise in a safe environment.

5. Social media – example Twitter

Choose a #label such as #TDCNegs {Company Name/Course Name} and invite people to pose questions and knowledge share before, **during** and after the event.

6. Build in energisers

A quick energiser enhances our psychological state because the physical state has changed. A competitive game using a softball/balloon gets people moving.

7. Build in teasers

Getting the neurons firing is a good idea, so pose a question before a break to get learners thinking about a solution.

8. Games

Vary a TV or radio show game and run it to test learning. 'Who wants to be a Millionaire' works well.

Presentations

Invite individual or small group presentations back to main group.

10. Reviews

Stop every so often and run a creative review – such as building a Newspaper Front Page through the event to review the learning. It is visual, fun and encourages communication and sharing.

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