

Brainstorming

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Type of method

Creative techniques

Short summary

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Description

A method for generating ideas that will provide a solution to a problem. The aim is to generate as many ideas as possible that can then be evaluated at a later date.

When applying the method, follow this process:

Group Size: 5-15 (critical mass)

it also depends on the group composition and group leader

Composition of the group:

creative people, NOT dominant

heterogeneity, experts also from other areas

Leader:

tasks: team assembly, coordination, preventing criticism

Expected results for creative groups:

50 – 200 ideas – 5% useful

- requires an environment where people feel free to express the most impossible and improbable solutions to problems without having the fear of criticism or judgment by others
- original and spontaneous thinking is necessary

The challenges, pitfalls of the method and ways to deal with them

- Can take too much time if the group is not properly controlled and is allowed to run for too long
- Participants must be aware of raising expectations of the brainstorming group by considering ideas that will never be implemented

Practical application tips

- NO criticism
- enter Emotions
- use Associations
- relaxation, entertainment
- search for unusual solutions

Feedback from teachers and students

Students generally find a highly structured and moderated brainstorming session interesting and engaging.

Advantages of the method

- You don't have to be a highly qualified expert or highly paid consultant to use it
- Easy to understand - it's not a complicated technique
- It is inexpensive
- If controlled properly it is a quick way of generating ideas
- Encourages creative thinking and thinking "out of the box"
- Generates ideas and solutions that can be used elsewhere
- Provides an opportunity for widespread participation and involvement