

Card Sort

This tool helps to facilitate youth's reporting of their confidence, attitudes, and/or achievements towards intended outcomes of program.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

This activity can be done individually or in small groups

1. Prepare a small pack of cards, with statements written on the reverse of each that refer to achievements/attitudes that young people could be expected to show from participation in your program. Make one set of cards for each participant.

Note: To make this activity more youth-driven, let youth participants generate the items (e.g., benefits they gained from the program)

2. Write the rating scale (excellent-poor; agree-disagree) or ranks (1st, 2nd, 3rd...) on the baskets and place them on a table
3. Sit with young people around a small table or on the floor.
4. Ask a participant to turn over a statement card, and spend some time discussing what it says. E.g. "I have improved at x this year" – young people could give examples of their own experiences and then place their cards into the appropriate basket.
5. Young people should then place their counter/photo/figure next to the statement to show strong agreement, and further away in the larger circles to show decreasing agreement with the statement. Make a record of how many young people place themselves in each basket or group.
6. Move on to the next card, and repeat for all the cards that you developed or that time allows.

WHO IS INVOLVED?

Youth participants and one research assistant, staff or volunteer

WHAT DO I NEED?

- Pack of statement cards (see below for details)
- Pens or markers
- Baskets

WHEN SHOULD THIS BE DONE?

During a session towards end of the program

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?

20 minutes
(40 minutes to prepare)