

NEWSPAPER BRIDGES

BRIEF FOR FACILITATORS

Key Themes	Teamwork, Communication, Planning, Time Management
Participants	Unlimited
Timings	45 minutes for activity (this could be split into specific design and build time slots + debrief time)
Materials Required	Newspapers, Sellotape, Tape Measure

Overview

This activity is aimed getting teams to work together and be creative build a freestanding bridge out of newspaper.

Running the activity

- This exercise works best in teams of 3 or 4 so divide up the groups.
- Decide on time limits and allocate the resources to each group.
- Ask the teams to construct a freestanding bridge including floor-standing supports at each end and a horizontal span.
- The winning construction will be the one with the longest span between two floor-standing supports. If any additional floor-standing support is created, qualifying span measurement will be the longest length between any two of the floor-standing supports.

Suggested Review Questions

- What worked well/what would you do differently?
- How effective was your planning?
- Was everyone's views/ideas heard?
- How effectively did you work together as a team?

Alternative Options

This activity could be amended to include an object that required supporting by the bridge eg an apple, egg, book, cup etc.