

PAPER TOWERS

BRIEF FOR FACILITATORS

Key Themes	Teamwork, Communication, Creative Thinking
Participants	Unlimited
Timings	Suggest 20-30 minutes + debrief time
Materials Required	One sheet of A4 paper per person, Tape Measure

Overview

This activity is aimed getting teams to work together and be creative build a simple tower out of paper.

Running the activity

- This exercise can be run in a competition format of smaller teams or with the team as a whole. The first step is to determine the groups and split the participants into these if necessary
- Decide on a time limit and allocate the resources to each group.
- Ask the teams to build the tallest free standing structure within the time limit – no additional resources may be used (eg Sellotape).

Suggested Review Questions

- What worked well/what would you do differently?
- Planning and timing - who planned and who ran out of time?
- Creativity - what innovative ideas were devised?
- Risk - what observations could be made about high-risk and low-risk methods/approaches?
- Learning - would each team/individual be able to improve their result at a second attempt? (Almost certainly.) Discuss how and why, and the value of experience.