

Follow the Instructions

Audience: Teams

Group Size: N/A

Purpose

Display the variation of thinking and how a variety of voices are key to innovation and problem solving

Description

This PACEsetter will walk the team through a series of instructions. Due to each persons' individual translation of the instructions, the results will demonstrate the variations between how people approach problems. Here are the key points to highlight and discuss after the exercise:

- Even with everyone following the same instructions, the final papers are different
- Discuss that there are multiple solutions to a problem or developing something new
- Teams need various points of view to innovate and collaborate
- Each team member brings their unique point of view
- Might miss opportunity if all team members don't participate in problem solving or development

Execution

- Give each person a blank piece of paper
- Have everyone stand up and close their eyes
- Tell them to follow these instructions
 - Fold the paper in half
 - Tear off the upper righthand corner of the paper
 - Fold in the bottom edge
 - Tear off a section along the bottom edge
 - Fold the paper into a triangle
 - Turn the paper over and tear off a portion along top edge
 - Open the papers and open your eyes
 - Look around and see how different each person's paper look

References

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