



Sharing the Present – Shaping the Future

USING PICTURE CARDS TO ENHANCE ENGAGEMENT AND ELICIT VISION AND INSIGHTS

Picture cards (or photographs) can be really effective in enabling people and groups of people to talk easily, put words to thoughts and feelings around topics and issues, and to respond to questions

Here is a great way to use the picture cards/photographs:

1. Lay the cards out on a table with the pictures face up. Ask a person(s) to choose a card that speaks to them or evokes a response in them about Shared Education. More than one card can be chosen – and sometimes people might “share” a chosen card or cards.
2. Pose a question to the group e.g. What does being involved in Shared Education mean to you? Why does it matter? Fast forward a year, what will you be doing together with school leaders or teachers from the other schools?
3. Ask everyone to choose a card which represents their answer to your question and encourage each person to talk about their image and why you chose it.
4. At end of session take a photo of all the picture cards so that everyone can remember the experience and the thoughts and responses evoked at the session.



Other ways of using the cards/photographs include:

Lay the cards face up. Ask people to choose 2 cards – one to represent where they are/things are now, and where you want to be.

Lay the cards face down. Ask everyone to pick a card at random and ask them to speak to the picture on the randomly selected card.

The pictures come from sets of Coaching Cards. These can be easily accessed online by a variety of suppliers:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Coaching-Picture-Cards-beautiful-professionals/dp/0995756309/ref=sr_1_14?rps=1&ie=UTF8&qid=1536851363&sr=8-14&keywords=coaching+cards&refinements=p_76%3A1-