



What If We...

Building on each others' ideas can support your team in developing creative and well-developed project ideas. In this activity, you'll explore ideas and iterate on them to make them even better.

Steps

1. Arrange everyone in a circle, row, or other configuration so they can easily pass papers. Give each person a piece of paper (or digital alternative). Review the structure of the activity with the group and ask them to choose a number of rotations and/or a time limit.
2. Have each person write one idea across the top.
3. Pass the papers one person to the right. Give everyone time to read the idea, then ask everyone to give feedback using one of the "What if we" prompts below. Ensure enough time to respond to the prompt and encourage everyone to be brief.
4. Pass the papers again and repeat the process.
5. Continue to pass the papers until you've completed a certain number of rounds or reached the time limit. Each round will take a little longer than the previous ones because there is more to read each time.
6. Share out the contents of each paper. This can be done by having everyone read and summarize what's on the paper they have, or by giving the papers back to their original owners and sharing that way.

Prompts

- What if we incorporated positive social media by ...?
- What if we made this project more specific by ...?
- What if we involved as many people as possible at school by ...?
- What if we expanded to impact more people by ...?
- What if we generated maximum excitement about this project by ...?
- What if we combined this idea with another idea that we brainstormed by ...?
- What if we...?