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Soft Skills for Employability

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INTRODUCTION

The following exercises are proposed to improve the soft skill of Flexibility, which according to the ULISSE Project definition is a synonymous of adaptability, it means to be open-minded, easily adaptable to changes; respond adequately to constructive criticism; deal well with unexpected situations; being polyvalent.

The exercises proposed are Word clouds and Live Polls.

1. Word clouds

Word clouds are graphical representations of word frequency that give greater prominence to words that appear more frequently in a source text. You can generate word clouds using a free digital tool, mentimeter.

This activity is very helpful when you want to know what the audience thinks about a specific topic. It consists in asking the audience to choose one or more word as a synonymous of the defined topic. We recommend to use this tool at the beginning of the workshop before giving a formal definition of the topic to be discussed, and see how the students/participants describe it, what they already know about it. In this way a discussion can be generated by analyzing the prominence of the words most chosen by the audience.

The required amount of time to dedicate to this activity is at least 5 minutes.

1.1. Steps of the exercise

- 1. **Setup a word cloud**, before the workshop, creating a free account on mentimeter or similar tool*
- 2. **Share the link and the code** with the audience so that they can join the website on their smartphones*
- 2. **Explain the topic** and ask to write one or more words associated with it*
- 3. **Comment on the results**: the cloud will represent the most prominent words given by the audience so you can comment on these results.*

1.2. Tools and resource

- *Mobile phone and WIFI*

1.3. Suggestions for the trainers

The teacher should be able to engage the audience when commenting the results.

1.4. References

www.mentimeter.com

2. Live Polls

The use of live polls during a workshop is the ideal way for engaging audiences of all sizes. Live polls, Q&A and open responses help you listen to your audience and enable everyone to contribute using their smartphones.

It is recommended to do this activity throughout the workshop to keep attention high.

2.1. Steps of the activity

1. **Setup a Poll**, before the workshop, creating a free account on mentimeter or similar tool
2. **Share the link and the code** with the audience so that they can join the website on their smartphones and give their answers
3. **Comment on the results:** the application will show the answers on the and the audience can comment on these results.

2.2. Tools and resources

- Mobile phone and WIFI

2.3. Suggestions for the trainers

- The teacher should be able to engage the audience when commenting the results.

2.4. References

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