

Construction – Paper Tower

This is a simple activity. It can be very useful when you want to get teams working together later in the day. The task is simply to build the tallest tower out of A4 paper. This is a team activity and can use minimal resources – just A4 paper sheets.

The task is to build the tallest tower in just 15 minutes. Use fewer sheets if planning to run the activity for a shorter time period.

This icebreaker is ideal for engineering/construction industry students or participants.

To save paper, you can provide a limited number of sheets to each group, however this will need a little more preparation time to allow you to count the sheets.

10 sheets of paper per group is an ideal number, although more can be used.

Consider some of the options or rules mentioned below.

Please do consider the environment and recycle the finished products.

This activity may help the team members get to know each other; however, it will not help everybody in the room to get to know each other.

Options/Rules:

- Provide paper clips, so that participants can clip paper together.
- Provide sticky tape, so that participants can stick paper together.
- Provide a stick of glue, so that participants can stick paper together.
- Suggest that the paper cannot be cut or torn.
- Allow the participants to tear or rip the paper into lengths.
- Provide scissors allowing the participants to cut the paper.
- Provide the delegates with one sheet of flip chart paper to include in their tower.

Get each team to present their results to the other teams.