

Food Equality Creative Methods Toolkit



Digital Collage Online session

METHOD NO.2.2

COLLAGE: WHAT IS IT AND WHY DO IT?

COLLAGE IS THE PROCESS OF SELECTING, ARRANGING, AND STICKING FOUND IMAGES AND TEXTS ONTO A SURFACE. THE TERM ALSO REFERS TO THE RESULTING PIECE OF WORK.

Do you need to continue sessions and conversations online with an established group due to covid restrictions?

Do some of your participants find it difficult to attend face to sessions, due to health or childcare issues?

- You can use a wide variety of digital materials: visual and text-based – photographs, audio visual clips, social media posts.
- With the right digital resources, participants can engage in a way that suits them: with the camera off, using the chat function and from a convenient location.
- This works best as a main session activity
- You might want to test the functions before the session with the group
- The process is collaborative so the resulting work will be by the group rather than an individual.
- The digital collages can be shared online, to allow scope for wider discussion and engagement.



Notes and tips:

This method may not be accessible to individuals with limited access to a digital device such as smartphone, laptop and internet connection.

If you are facilitating, it is well worth testing the platform and running a practice session to iron out technical issues and give everyone confidence.



RESOURCES AND PREPARATION:

ONLINE

Gather digital materials and resources, images, text, clips from social media.

Requires access to online video conferencing platform, such as ZOOM.*

*see section on working online for further details, consent, safeguarding and how to support participants.

NEXT STEPS 1:

- **DOWNLOAD THE RESULTING DIGITAL COLLAGES AS PDFS TO SHARE YOUR OPINIONS. (SEE EXAMPLES HERE)**
- **RECORD CONVERSATIONS USING THE VIDEO CONFERENCING PLATFORM. (ENSURE YOU HAVE CONSENT)**

NEXT STEPS 2:

- **COMBINE THE IMAGES AND AUDIO RECORDINGS TO MAKE AN AUDIO-VISUAL PIECE USING HEADLINER EXAMPLE: [HTTPS://VIMEO.COM/470595720](https://vimeo.com/470595720)**
- **DO YOU WANT TO SHARE THE AUDIO/VISUAL OUTPUTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA OR A WEBSITE?**