



Understanding Impact: The Role of Qualitative Methods of Evaluation





Aims of the workshop

- To explore what qualitative methods are and how they differ from quantitative methods
- To examine the advantages and disadvantages of qualitative methods
- To explore different types of qualitative methods for use with both young people and adults

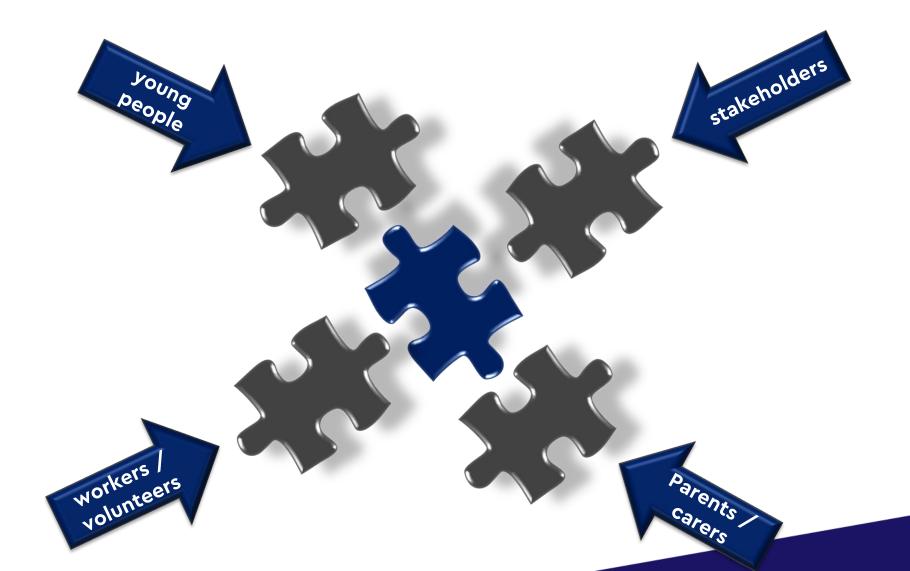


Workshop structure

- What is evaluation?
- The role of qualitative methods
- Types of qualitative methods and their advantages & disadvantages
- Design & implementation of qualitative methods
- Analysis and reporting

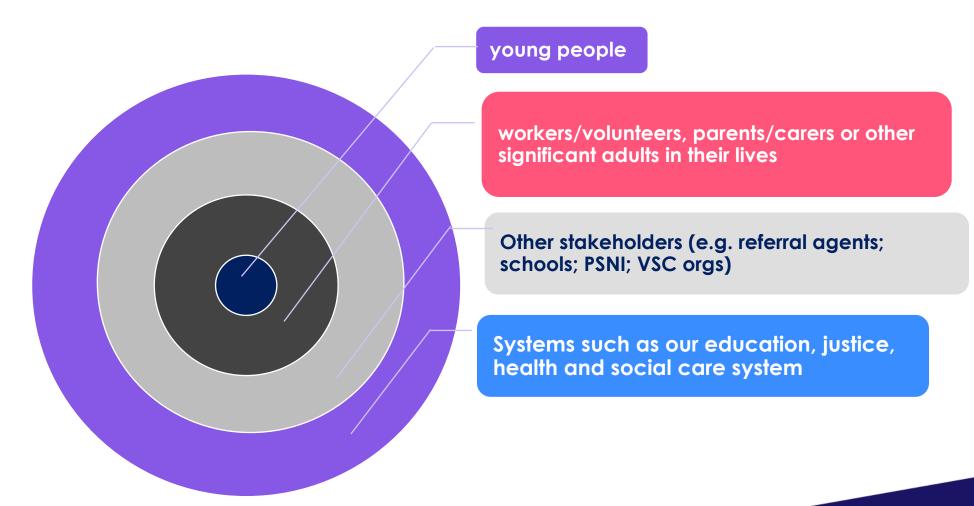


Evaluation: 3D Jigsaw





Evaluation: 360 Degree Process





Evaluation: Quantitative Vs Qualitative

- About numbers, measurement, quantifying things
- In OBA we discuss How much did we do? How well did we do it? Is anyone better off?
- Statistics generated

- About how people understand what is going on, the meanings they give to things and how they behave
- 'Tells a story' in depth; rich
- Usually narrative but can be visual too



Why use qualitative methods of evaluation?

- To help tell the story of what happened and its impact
- To get 'behind' statistics the why/why not? how?
- To understand the nature of an issue, problem, intervention or change as a result of the project.



Types of qualitative methods

- Interviews
- Focus groups
- Participant observation
- Non-participant observation
- Case studies
- Free text questions in surveys



Things to consider

- Ethics
- Type of method
- Skillset required
- Analysis
- Reporting



Designing questions for qualitative methods

- Topic guide for interviews & focus groups
- Need open questions as much as possible
- It is essential to probe why is that? Can you say a bit more about this?



Analysis & reporting of qualitative data

Themes

Audience

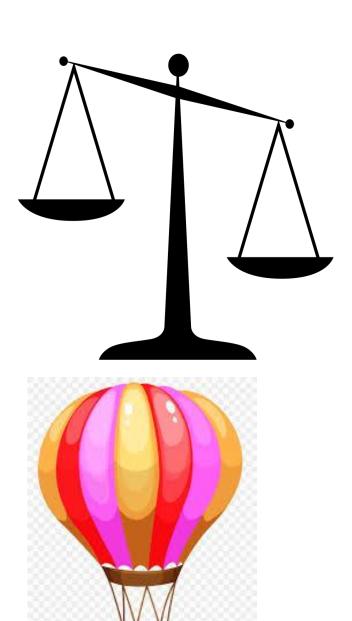
Reporting formats



Creative tools for evaluation with young people

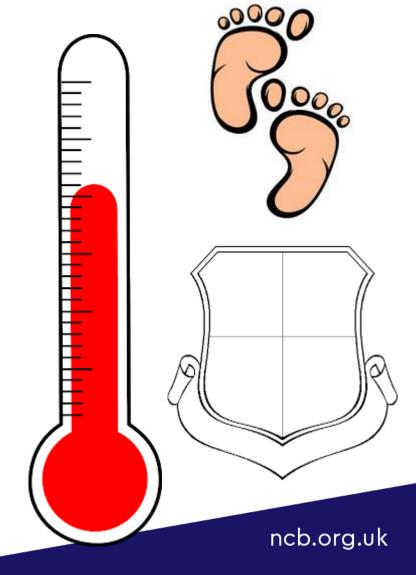














Challenges - young people

An example of feedback for Qualitative research

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Challenges - organisations

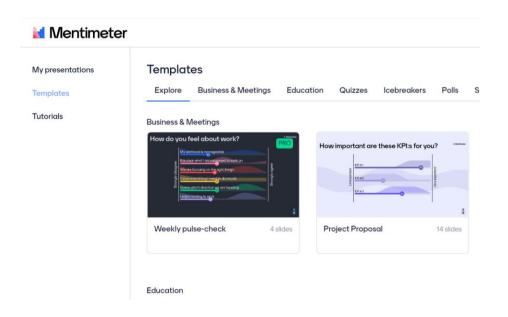
An example of feedback for Qualitative research

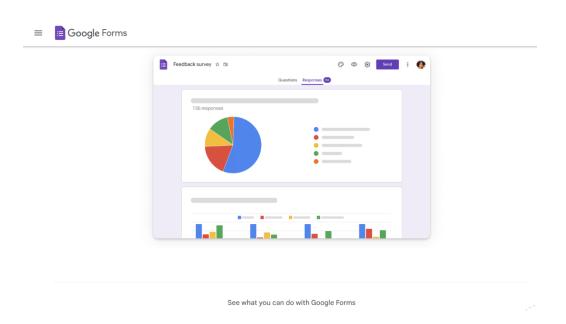
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Methods of gathering information







Common Questions

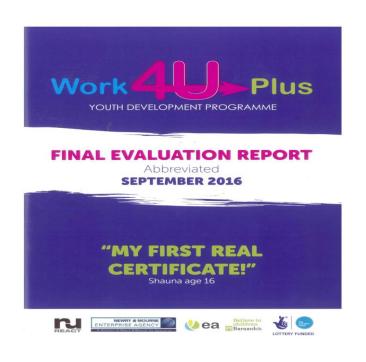
- How has this project helped you?
- How has this product helped you develop Life skills?
- How has this product helped you develop Employability skills?
- How has this project helped your Health & wellbeing?
- If you were in Charge, what improvements would you make?



Some real life examples









Summing up and evaluation

Resource list

Please complete evaluation forms using this link: https://iasp.tfaforms.net/15







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