

Handling the Workshop on the day

Triple Task Methodology in Action

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In managing the workshops with the British Council and the World Service a number of procedural points need addressing. I set these out below. Please note, these are my views on the workshop process. Please feel free to come back to me with any questions or suggestions for change/ improvement. I am always delighted to hear new ideas.

The day itself.

The process for the day is to get the participants through a three hour intensive workshop. The Participants will be organised into mixed groups of around 5. Groups will work on table with flip charts, marker pens, postit notes and blue tak for pinning ideas up. Each group will report back on its work as it progresses. There are three reporting 'periods'. My assumption is that I will lead and run these workshops but Marie and I wanted to let the entire team know about the expectations and process involved. I have tried to supply you with all the information you need to get an in-depth understanding of what is involved. But, to make it less onerous if you want a quick walkthrough, then reading this document should suffice.

The workshop day is three hours with a start at 10.00 and close at 13.00 with lunch.

The workshop will make use of a process called **Triple Task Methodology** and in particular the first task of this which is called **Imagine**.

Imagine is a group thought experiment process. Triple Task is a total soft analysis methodology which allows a group to work on an issue of any kind and be studied in its process and reviewed for the self analysis of the group or community members. Imagine works on the basis of people in groups drawing pictures together in order to surface deep and occult ideas which often lie behind the presenting face of an issue.

I will be the sole facilitator on the day and I need the rest of the team to participate in the process as a distinct group. I hope that will be OK? You will have your own table and will do the Imagine process with the others.

I would like one member of our team to film (with shaky and poor quality Sony cam corder I fear) the three presentations which workshop participants will make during the day. I am looking for a volunteer for that.

For your information.

If you want to know more about my approach to group facilitation, see: Facilitator notes.

After the Workshop

From 14:00 to 16:00 we will compare notes on the group work, on the artefacts that the groups produced and on how we felt each group performed. When the groups present their findings it would be great if members of the research team took notes on anything that you found memorable or interesting.

Please be aware that I would like a typed up version of your notes within 48 hours of the event so I can put them together with my own for a research report. 48 hours is important because idea evaporation and memory loss kick in really hard after these events .. I promise I really know this.