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Focus: Finishing a teacher development course on a positive note

Materials needed: Paper, masking tape and coloured pens



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Aims

- To finish the course on a positive note
- To express appreciation of other teachers
- To reflect on learning throughout the course

Procedure

1. On the last day of a course, towards the end of the last session, ask everyone to look around the room and think about what they have learnt from other individuals in the room. This can be specific activities, techniques, attitudes, language. They make notes if they wish but this should be done silently and individually. They may like to look through their course notes. Allow five or ten minutes for this, depending on the size of the class.
2. Meanwhile give each teacher a sheet of paper or card, a piece of masking tape and a coloured felt-tip pen. The teachers help each other to stick their piece of paper on their backs with the masking tape.
3. Everyone stands. They walk around the room with the coloured pens, writing on the paper on other people's backs what they have learnt from them. They can also write what they especially appreciate about someone (sometimes easier to think of than something they have learnt). The teacher can also be involved. Play some upbeat music. Allow 10-15 minutes depending on the size of the class.
4. Teachers remove the papers from their backs and either read them immediately or put them away to read later in private!

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