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The solution room

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What is a solution room?



- An interactive session of participation, peer learning and targeted problem solving
- First used back in 2011 in a non-ELT European Meetings & Events Conference – designed to give participants a voice and the opportunity to be empowered
- Increases engagement in a conference by avoiding a lecture-style format

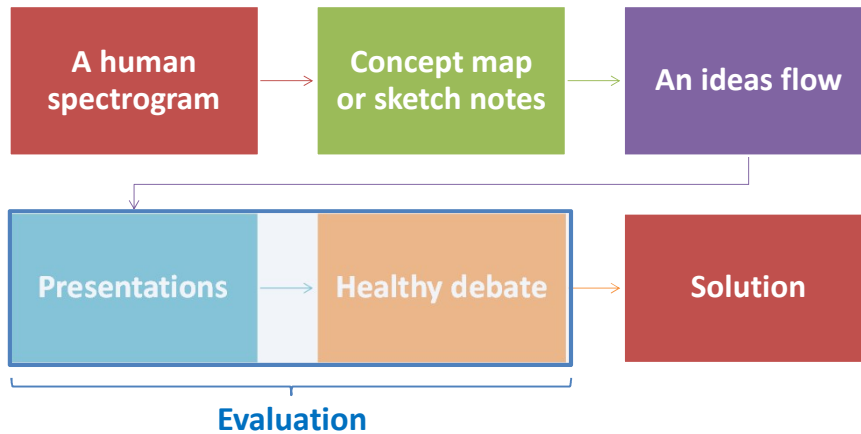
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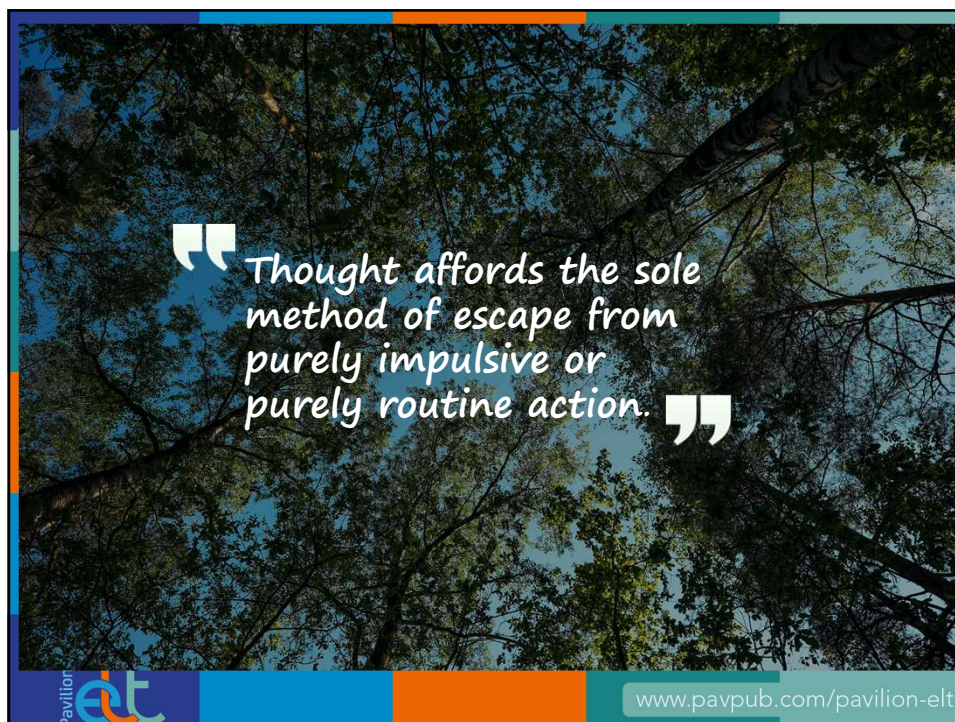


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- **Step 1:** a human spectrogram to demonstrate the amount/range of experience and teaching contexts available in the room.
- **Step 2:** individuals or mini groups sketch out their view points on a particular problem on a flip chart paper. No answer is a wrong answer – all have to be received initially without criticism to create an ideas flow.
- **Step 3:** Once each participant in the group has voiced their opinion, then the group can challenge or ask for clarity and/or add advice and support in order to develop steps to best practice, or a word web of the issue with blockers and possible ways to overcome them.
- **Step 4:** Group evaluation – the groups take turns to briefly summarise their findings and compare. At this stage, some groups may amend what they've just shared (which is fine).

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Solution room topics



- Teacher empowerment and teacher autonomy
- Teacher research
- Technology in the classroom
- Going green

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