Engaging Adult Learners: Tips on Making Your Trainings "Fun"omenal

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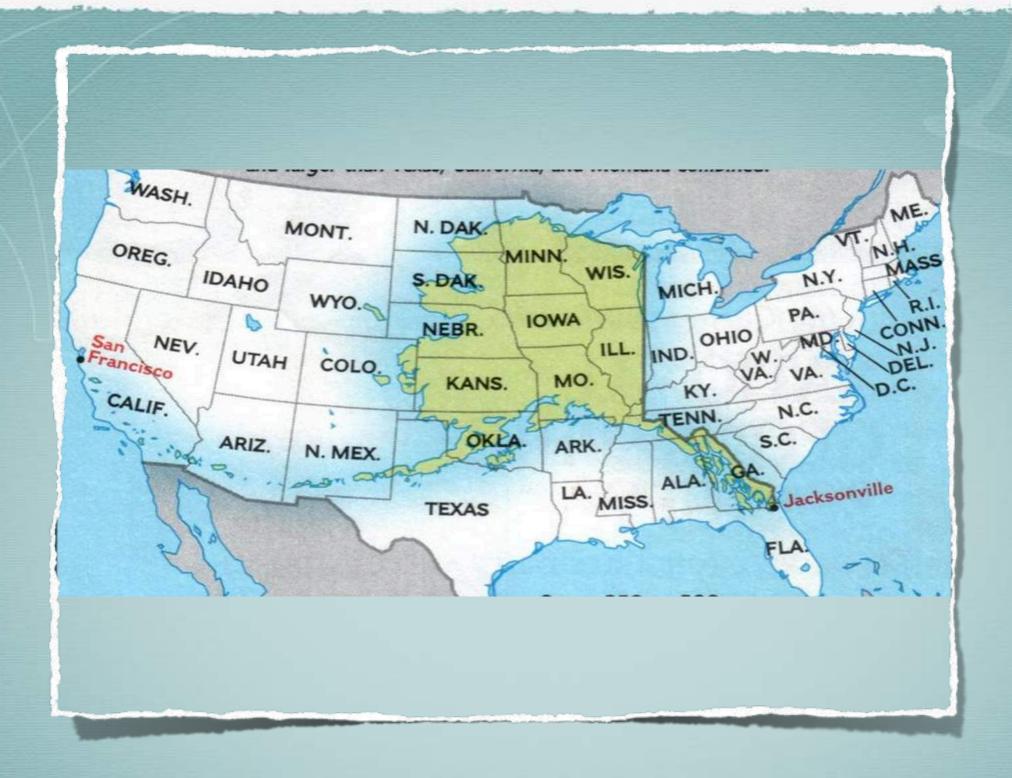
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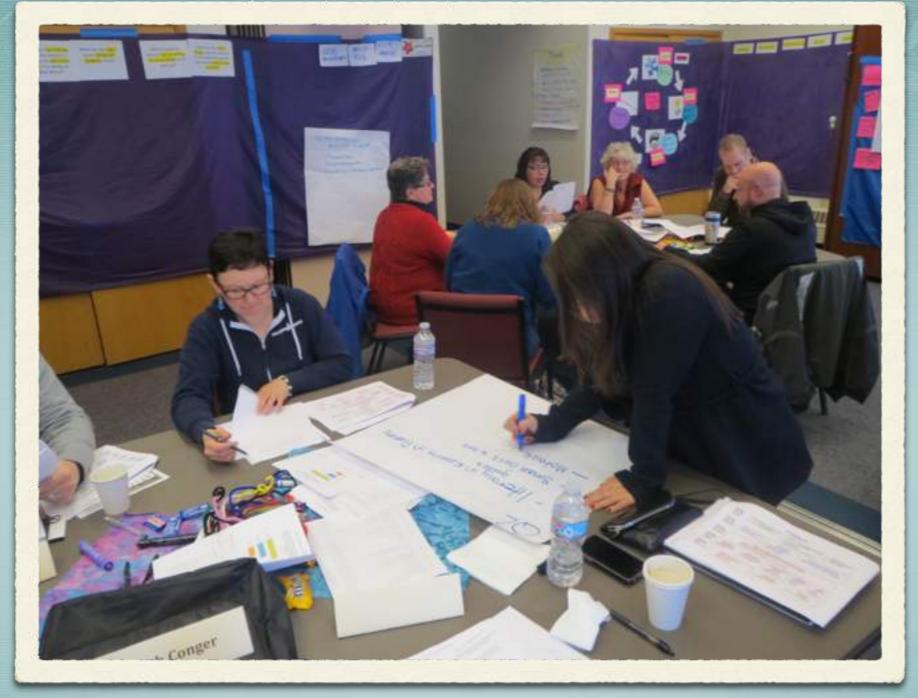


53 school districts covering 663,300 square miles. North Slope School District is 88,700 square miles, bigger than the state of Minnesota and 40 other states. Our smallest school district is Pelican with 13 students.

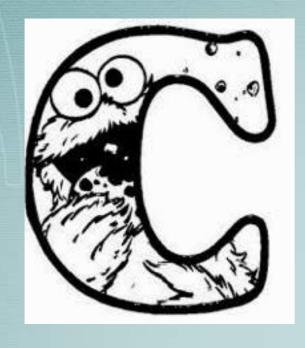
What makes a Good Training?

*Let's shout out some of your ideas!!!





List 3 things YOU do currently to keep your participants awake, alert and interested while they learn:













60 Second Connectors

- *Introduce 1:1 or small groups and....
 - *tell 3 things you know about this training topic
 - *explain one thing you are hoping to gain
 - *talk about one question you want answered









Some Science!

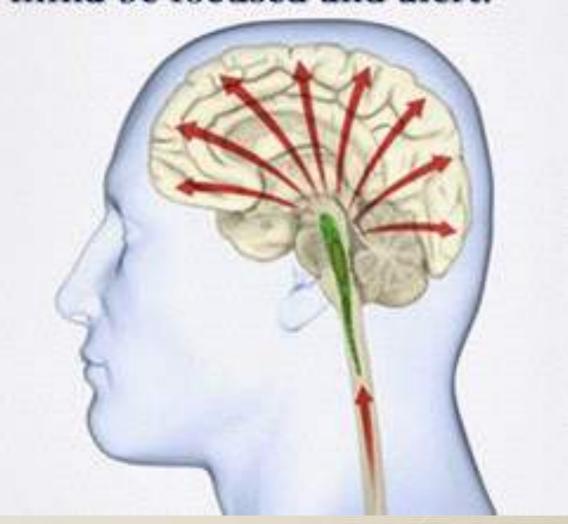




Engaging the RAS

vary... move.... gesture.... act out... ask.... add..... use....

The RAS filters and prioritizes sensory information to let the mind be focused and alert.



- *Training
- *Instruction
- *Education
 - *all help with Learning!



How do adults

learn?





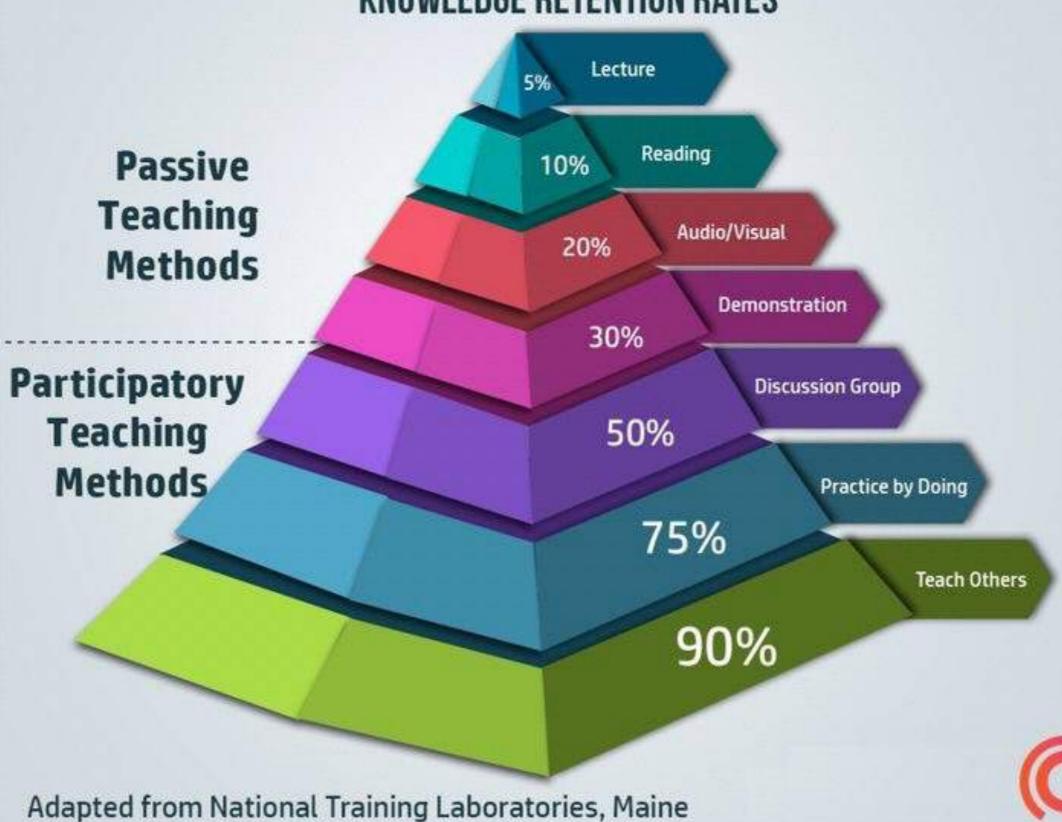






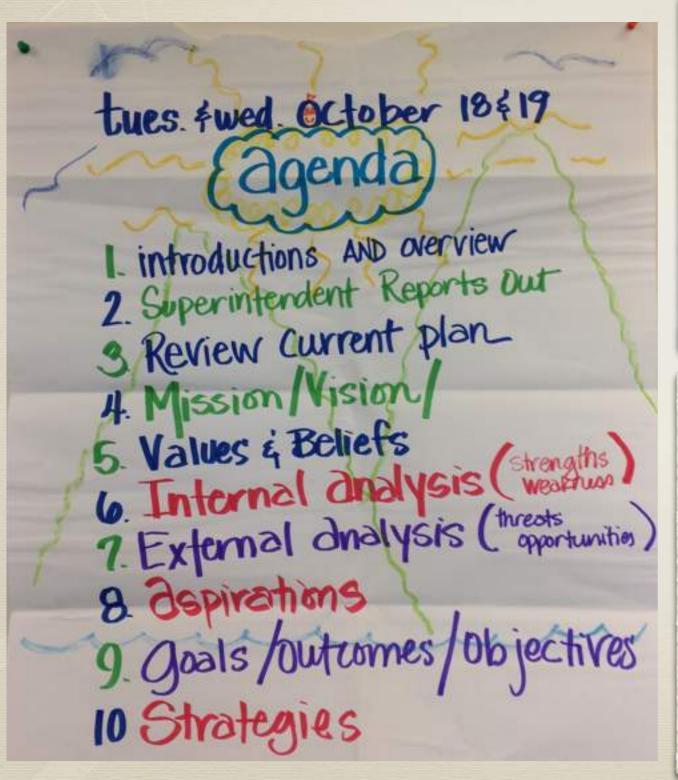
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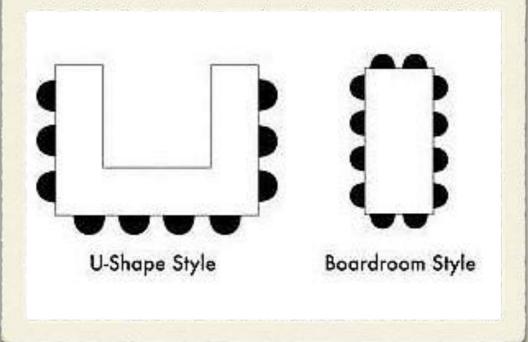
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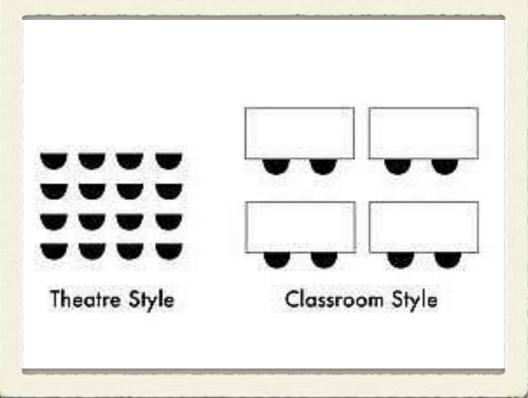




Setting the Stage!







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Workshop Title: Engaging Adult Learners; Tips for making it "fun" ominal

Audience: Trainers for State Associations

Time Frame: 75 Minutes (REPEAT a 2nd time in afternoon)

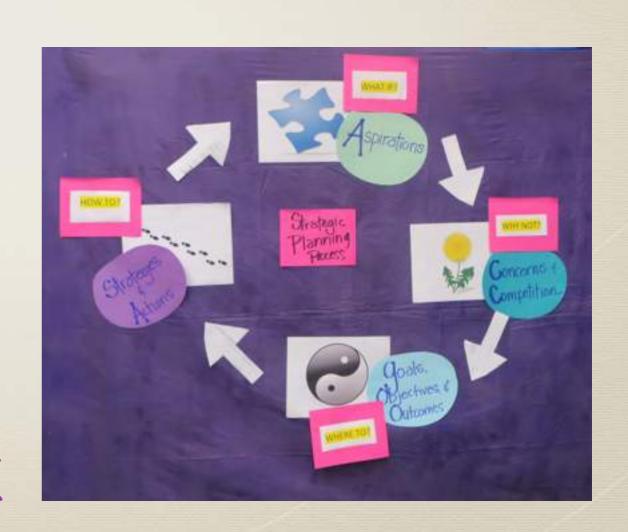
Objectives/ Outcome

Developed with Board Chair

DO	SAY	RESOURCES	TIME
Set tables with items	Why they are there Explain why things are on table	 Table clothes Markers Coloring book pages Play dough Pipe cleaners ½ sheets markers 	5 Min
Explain AK	Get it out of the way; photo's will show some of our beautiful state		3 min
What makes a good training	We are the worst students; as trainers I am so judgmental of workshops. I better learn something or I am a mess	½ sheets chart paper ask for someone to capture and put on wall	5 min
What are you doing now	One tech I use is to have individuals think on their own for 2-3 minutes, then pair and share on ½ sheets	Put on post it notes then on wall!	15 min

Building a Learning Community

- renew the room
- sixty secondconnections
- mix up seats
- take the pulse
- ask for feedback



Activity!



Learning is NOT easy

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4 seasons 12 months 52 weeks 7 days a week 24 hours a day 60 seconds in a minute 60 minutes in a hour 31, 30, or 28 days a month

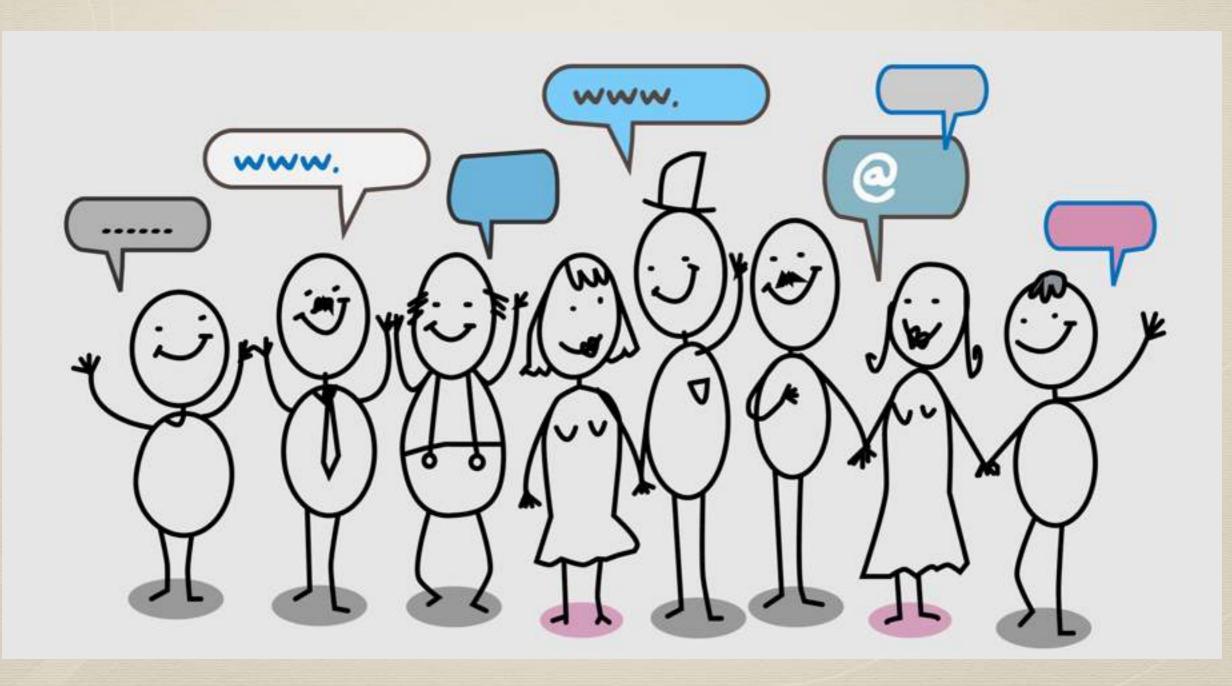
Who is doing the talking?

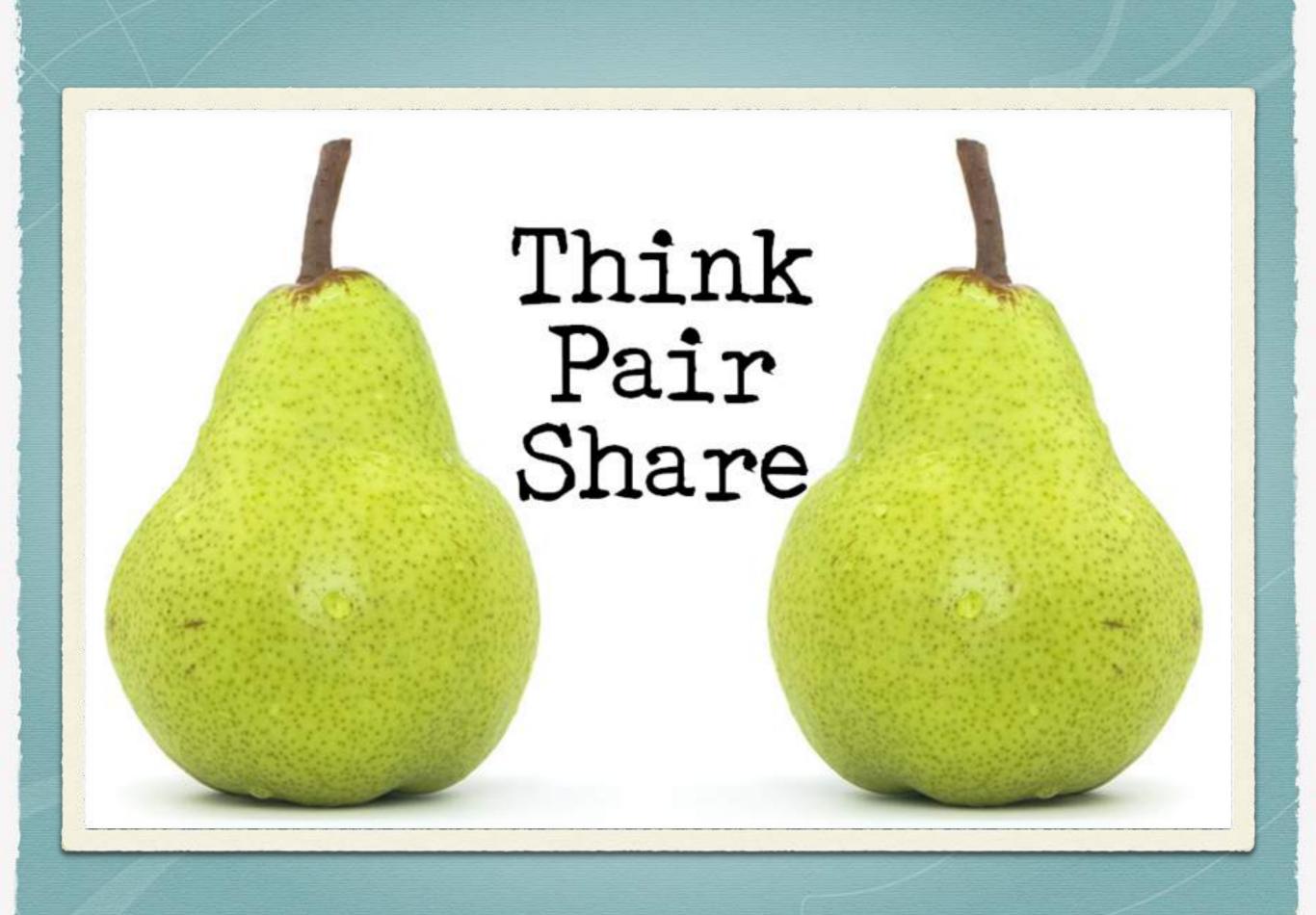




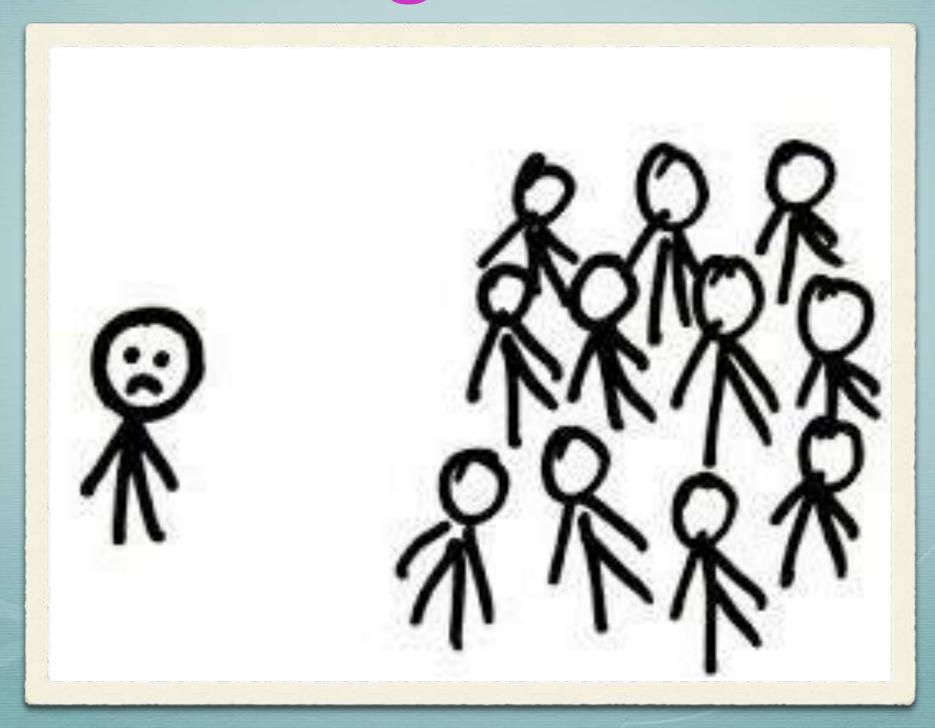


Tips to get adults talking





Taking the pulse of the group and other signals for trainer





Send them off with a task!

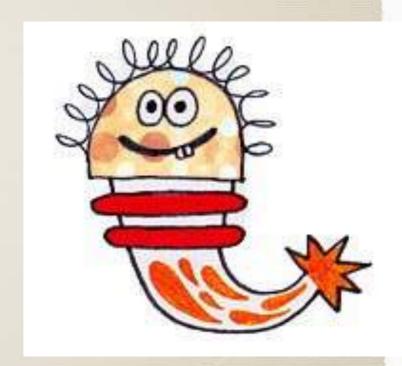
10 concepts and strategies



to remember!

- * Engage learners in the learning process
- * Decrease time YOU spend talking
- * Hand over much of the direct instruction to the learners
- * Use current brain research about human learning
- * Shift the training focus from you to your learners

- * Observe increased learner-retention
- * Design training more quickly and effectively using 4C's
- * Deliver training in a variety of ways
- * Increase your own energy and enthusiasm
- * Teach others what you have learned



from: Training from the BACK of the Room, Sharon Bowman (Pfeiffer publication)

Next Action Steps

66 Ideas are easy, implementation is hard. 99

- Guy Kawasaki

What are 2 new ideas you are going to implement immediately?

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