

What do you do?

As the workshop proceeds, you become aware that one participant in particular has a “know it all” attitude and behavior.

One participant in your workshop consistently roams around the room to other groups offering criticism and advice.

You arrive at your workshop to find that the promised computer projector is not there. You have planned parts of your workshop around PowerPoint presentations.

One of the groups in your workshop consistently rushes through and finishes each activity before the others.

Someone in your workshop is listening to an iPod.

Someone in the workshop has a laptop plugged into the wall and, as you talk, is furiously typing in, loudly, every word you are saying.

You become aware that one person in one of your participant groups is being very dominant over the others. You can see that this is resented but not challenged.

Your workshop has been running for about half an hour when you notice someone is reading a newspaper.

Your workshop has just begun when a latecomer arrives and says he/she has just flown in from his/her daughter’s wedding. He/she then starts passing out photographs of the event.

You get the sense that a couple of your workshop participants really are not buying into the pedagogy you are trying to promote, and are trying to influence others in this regard.

You are in the middle of introducing an activity, when a cell phone rings loudly. Its owner picks up and begins talking loudly to the caller.

During the workshop, someone questions your credibility as a workshop leader, asking how much class teaching you have done recently.

Soon after the workshop has begun, it becomes clear that several participants really do not want to be there.

During the workshop you notice that a particular group keeps talking at times when you are addressing the whole group.

You are about to start the workshop when one of the participants begins to set up a video camera and tripod right in front of your face.

A hands-on activity is in full swing when it becomes clear that part of it does not work as it is supposed to. It is clear that you have not tested this ahead of time.

In one of your groups there is a person who talks very loudly, so much so that it is an irritant to everyone.

There is one person in your workshop who is persistently late (arriving in the morning, lunch break, etc.)