



## Graffiti Wall

<b>Description</b>	A wall where children can record their thoughts on a topic or their provision. Boundaries need to be decided for the wall: what can/cannot be written and the time period they have to write/draw their comments. The children are then left to comment on the topic if they wish to do so. Ideas and themes will develop, especially if left for a week or more, and children may comment on and add to each other's ideas. The ideas can then be recorded and grouped for further discussion.
<b>Age Range</b>	4-18
<b>Time</b>	Agreed by the children and the facilitator More ideas will be created the longer the wall is left
<b>Cost</b>	Cost of materials and time
<b>Benefits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Other than the basic rules, the facilitator does not influence the process</li> <li>- Children can write whatever they wish within the agreed boundaries, e.g. no offensive language or comments to individuals or communities.</li> <li>- Children can add comments to others to spark off new ideas</li> <li>- Can be anonymous so children may be more willing to comment openly and honestly</li> </ul>
<b>Drawbacks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There is no guarantee that all voices will be heard, particularly if dominated by individuals or small groups</li> <li>- Pictures can be drawn instead of writing but may need explaining</li> <li>- Reviews may be difficult if the subject is about people's thoughts. They may want to remain anonymous</li> <li>- If anonymous it may be difficult to understand why a comment was written</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Make a mock version of a wall from different material, e.g. a roll of wallpaper or an old bed sheet. Draw or paint comments and ideas onto this.</li> <li>- Stick cardboard boxes together to create a 3D effect</li> </ul>
<b>Example</b>	Year 6 children at Woodhouse West School had a mock graffiti board in their class for the afternoon to record their thoughts on how the 'Kids Stuff' page of the Sheffield Children's First Newspaper could be improved