

Handout on Power Cartoons

(Source: Irene Guijt, Learning by Design)

A set of 8 cartoons is available (***Power Cartoons***) which use humour to explore the three faces (visible, hidden and invisible) as well as the alternative forms of power (power over, power to, power with, power within).

"I believe that humour is a really essential way to open people's minds for learning and these cartoons really helped"- Irene Guijt

These cartoons can be used in different ways – *before*, *during* or *after* introducing or discussing the various concepts of power:

- ***Before...*** at the beginning of the learning event, before discussing concepts, asking learners to discuss their own experiences in relation to the cartoons, and to talk about the different forms that power can take. Copies of all cartoons are handed to small groups of 5-7 people to view and discuss (thanks to Jo Rowlands for this suggestion).
- ***During...*** show the cartoons one by one to illustrate the concepts and forms of power as they are introduced and discussed. They can be used as handouts or projected as slides, in either case used as a starter for interaction and dialogue (thanks to Irene Guijt for this suggestion).
- ***After...*** as an exercise to follow discussion of the concepts, to help consolidate learning; paper copies of all images are handed out to groups of 5-7, as above, with post-it notes (so the images can be re-used in other events). Groups view and discuss the images, and write the forms of power they see in each image on the post-it notes. In this exercise it is useful for learners to have ***Handout 3: Power and Empowerment*** in hand.

In all three approaches, you will find that each cartoon can and will be interpreted in more than one way, and that there are often several kinds of power occurring in each. This in itself is a good point for discussion.





