



FEEDBACK GRADUATION CEREMONY

It is always nice to be recognised for your efforts. A symbolic graduation ceremony is a great way to end the reflection stage. Gathering participants and celebrating their achievements is not only a heartfelt gesture to the participants, but also a way to nurture Community Champions in your project. To go from 'participant' to 'Community Champion' is not only symbolic, but can also be a way of increasing agency and accountability. This means having more vocal champions, and more hands-on-deck for future activities.

SHARE

FORMAT
Method

TIMEFRAME
< 1h

GROUP SIZE
All

FACILITATION LEVEL
Low

REQUIRED MATERIALS
Pen and paper / computer and printer

STEPS

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Gather all the names of the participants who have made it to the end of the project.

Design and fill out a diploma with their details. This can be as serious or as playful as you like.

The certifier should describe the contribution made by each participant to the group, inviting that person forward to receive his or her diploma and to share a word or two about the process. (Take note of any participants' experiences that might help devise future pilots.)

Benefits

Community belonging is an excellent way to encourage engagement with a project. By 'graduating' participants to members of the organising committee, or simply to fully-fledged citizen scientists, this can go a long way to creating attachment between participants, the organisation and the cause.

Tips

Keep in mind the following guiding question while implementing this method: what did you learn?

Sources

1. GoNano Project

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