



## **WALKING BILLBOARDS**

*A Get-Acquainted Activity*

**Objectives:** To provide an active way for participants in the training to get acquainted and share interests with each other. To take the first step in creating a community of learners.

**Supplies needed:** Easel with pad of paper, colored marker pens, masking tape.

**Procedure:** Tell the group that they have an opportunity to design their own get-acquainted session. Ask them to list the things that they would like to discover about the other participants in the training. List these on the pad of paper.

Examples:

1. talents or hobbies
2. a person they admire
3. best book recently read
4. all-time favorite movie
5. ideal vacation

Ask for a quick vote on the three top preferences from the items listed. Using a rough tabulation, select the five or six items receiving the greatest support, and identify those for the group.

Provide every participant with a sheet of flip chart paper and markers. Ask them to place their name at the top, list the five or six categories down the left side, and answer each for themselves.

Now (and this will produce some laughter) use masking tape to attach the sheet to the person's shoulders (they will look like walking billboards). Then invite them to walk around the room and discover what others wrote.

**Time Required:** 20 minutes

**Source:** Still More Games Trainers Play