Soft Skills Activity

The Toothpick Factory® is a hands-on activity, set in a manufacturing context, that stimulates discussion and awareness about a wide range of soft skills that are essential in today’s work and personal relationships. These are workplace standards of behavior needed by employees to interact and cooperate effectively with co-workers. The hands-on activity engages students in a non-threatening simulation so they can focus on teamwork and communication skills.

Objectives
How to be a good team player
How to adapt to change
How to lead others
How to communicate effectively
How to offer & receive feedback

Strategy
Structured to put participants in a “real world” scenario where each one has a specific role in the manufacturing process

TPF Kits Sales since 2009
365

Soft skills workshops since 2009
Over 28 professional development event all over U.S.A.

Impact since 2009
More than 739 students & educators & Industry leaders

“Wonderful activity and participant engagement”
“Fun and innovative”
“Useful and enjoyable”

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