

Luma Connections #2: Provide Mixture of Discussion Board Sizes

Teaching Strategy: Breakout Groups

Teaching Tool: Discussion Board

This is an online tool that allows learners to interact with each other to explore a topic and to discuss key concepts and concepts, share experiences, interact with each other, and to ask questions. Interactions are not in real-time and can be mentor-learner and learner-to-learner.



Topic*: Coffee House; Health and Wellness

**You can replicate this tip for any content topic.*

Small groups enhance social presence and can create a greater sense of commitment than large groups. However, there are times when larger groups are appropriate and appreciated.



Tip: Create social presence in an asynchronous discussion board by providing a mixture of discussion board sizes.

- Example 1: Coffee House or Juice Bar (open to all users)
- Example 2: Eating Healthy (create break out groups of 5 users. Assign users to the groups and let them name their group/team)



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