



## Voting Buttons

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| <b>Description</b> | A series of questions are presented via a large screen with a multichoice selection of answers. Each participant has a hand held voting button which they press to select their response, which is all linked to a computer to record the outcomes, and shows the group immediately what they have said.                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Age Range</b>   | 7+                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Time</b>        | 10 mins – 1½ Hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Cost</b>        | City of York Council has the equipment, you need to arrange to borrow it and ensure you know how it works.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Benefits</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Instant Response</li> <li>- Records and processes the results for you</li> <li>- Culturally cool</li> <li>- Children and young people love gadgets</li> <li>- Can have a large number participating</li> <li>- With skilful facilitation this can be used alongside discussion- asking respondents about why they think the responses have gone the way they have.</li> </ul>                                                      |
| <b>Drawbacks</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Need an understanding and technical abilities to set up and use such a system- CYC have the equipment and a user manual, you need to do the working out yourself.</li> <li>- Need to be clear about the questions and the answers that you make available</li> <li>- Can only ask closed questions- with a maximum of 6 responses.</li> <li>- There is no flexibility to easily add new questions/ responses as you go.</li> </ul> |
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| <b>Example</b>     | The system has been used with primary and secondary school pupils to get their opinions about themes which will be included in the Festival of ideas II which looks at long term vision for the city, respondents were asked about transport and recreational facilities amongst other things.                                                                                                                                                                              |