

Vignette 5 - Engaging with data in analysis

This assignment is introduced in the Cabriotraining to inspire research teams to conduct inductive thematic analysis, beyond the use of only text and verbal language. Research team members are asked to send their data in beforehand, as words and images. We make large copies and spread them around the room. Team members cut out from interviews, photos that touch them in any way. Each participant then creates his or her own collage with parts of the original raw data and presents it in such a way as to tell something about the content. Afterwards each person gets the opportunity to talk about his or her work, but the photograph of the person with the collage, and the collage work itself, are already outcomes of the engagement with the data.

People who have less experience doing research become more confident about engaging in analysis through this exercise and help other researchers to understand and interpret data from different angles.