



Balloon planning.

This is a simple visual tool for groups to plan a co-operative with. Each group has a large sheet of paper with a drawing of a tethered balloon. This is introduced through a powerpoint, as in the picture above.

Every click will bring into the picture a new label.

Introduction: you are to think of a project your school could do for Fairtrade or for improving its community. You must start with the aim of your project.

Then we are going to list who the team will be who run the project, the workers on board the balloon. Write these on the basket.

Then what needs to be there, people, things, help, money to ensure that the project gets off the ground. Write these on the balloon.

What extra stuff might make it really fly high in the sky? Write these above the balloon.

But with all enterprises there will be problems. What will hold the balloon down on the ground? Preventing your project from taking off.

And once it gets going what will blow it off course? What things could go wrong?

Go around groups giving them support, this is just an introduction to the method, get them to present to you as you go around.

End the session by each group standing at the front presenting their balloon planning. Feedback with praise, and some positive criticism, something they could expand, or someone that might help them...

Time	In Committee Room 1	In Debating chamber.
1:15pm	Introduce balloon planning with powerpoint slide.	
1:20pm	Groups discuss and write on their plans. Facilitators walk around and help and listen to presentations.	
1:40pm		Presentation of plans to conf.