Brainwriting

Ideation

Leadership:	1 Person
Room structure:	Room with tables
Required resources:	Papers and pens
Time needed:	15-30 minutes
Group size:	5+ People

Facilitator's Instructions:

The set up:
- Seat group members at a table, with a sheet of paper in front of each person.

The activity:
- At the top of the page, ask them to write down the problem that everyone is trying to solve. (Note: they should not write their names.) Appoint someone to be moderator, and time each round.
- Give the group three minutes to write down three ideas for how to solve the problem. They should not edit the ideas, or try to perfect them. Allow them to write in "free form." Do not permit any discussion.
- After three minutes, move on to round two. Gather in the papers, shuffle them, and then pass them out. You may need to sort out cases where someone gets back a paper they have already written on. Ask everyone to generate three more ideas on the new paper they have just received. They can build on the first three ideas that are already written, or think of three new solutions.
- The moderator decides how many rounds there are.
- When all rounds are finished, collect the papers, and write all of the ideas on a whiteboard for everyone to see. Then begin discussing which ideas would work best for solving the current problem.