Word Cloud Activity

Word clouds can be more than a static image prepared in advance. They can be living, dancing pictures whose words capture students' ideas and emotions live, in the moment. There is a range of different word clud generator apps that can be used for the classroom, e.g. Poll Everywhere, Wordle and Tag Crowd.

During this activity, participants will use the online app Poll Everywhere, a classroom response system that lets students submit responses on their phones and other web-enabled devices. These responses appear in real time for everyone to see.

Age suitability: suitable for 1st year to Transition Year

Materials:
- Pre-programmed survey on PollEverywhere
- Laptop/computer with link to the Word Cloud Poll

Method

In advance of class:

- the teacher should set up a PollEverywhere account and create the Poll to be used during the activity.
- Instructions for creating a poll are on the website below. Make sure the option for 'each person can respond as many times as they like' is selected.
  https://www.polleverywhere.com/guides/instructor/getting-started
- Include the weblink for the Word Cloud Poll you created in the presentation

During the Class:

- The teacher/facilitator asks the students to work in group and discuss the question 'What are the principles of Sustainable Design?'
- Open the presenter page of your Everywhere Poll to view the Word Cloud as answers are submitted
- Group can submit as many words as they like to answer the question. As they respond, answers will come up the Word Cloud in real time on the presenter page of Everywhere Poll.
- The final Word Cloud can be downloaded from the website and printed for the class