

More Creative Thinking Less Arguing



Collaborative Special Education
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De Bono's Six Thinking Hats technique encourages exploring all aspects of an issue.

1. Blue Hat: Overview

This hat is worn by chair of the meeting.

- * Where are we now?
- * What have we done so far?
- * What are we trying to do?

2. White Hat: Information

- * What are the facts?
- * What information do we need to get?
- * What is most important?
- * How valid is this?

3. Green Hat: New Ideas/Creativity

- * What new possibilities can we think of?
- * What can we create?
- * What are some possible ways to work this out?

4. Yellow Hat: Benefits

- * What are the good points?
- * What are the benefits?
- * How can we keep going when all looks gloomy and difficult?

5. Black Hat: Judgment/Weak Points

- * Will it work?
- * Who does it effect?
- * What is the evidence to support this?
- * What are the risks?

6. Red Hat: Gut Feelings

- * How do people feel about this right now?
- * What fears, likes, dislikes are being felt?
- * How will others react emotionally?
- * How can we use our intuition?

Go back to the Blue Hat: Summarize

The chair of the meeting asks: What decisions have we reached? What will we do next?

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