

Six Thinking Hats®



Tools for Parallel Thinking

Dr. Edward de Bono's Six Thinking Hats® Method is a powerful tool for achieving quality thinking, decision making and problem solving. A surprisingly simple and proven technique that provides everyone with the enthusiasm, creativity and courage to make every meeting, every discussion, and every decision come alive with new ideas.

This most well-known Six Thinking Hats® workshop from Dr. Edward de Bono makes participants **enjoy company meeting**, **structure effective meeting** and **enhance individual systematic thinking**.

The Six Thinking Hats® workshop is a powerful one-day 'hand on' workshop structured to help business executives break out of their 'thinking ruts' using techniques found in Dr. Edward de Bono's landmark book, Six Thinking Hats®.

Learn to:

- ◇ Increase the constructive output from everyone in the groups
- ◇ Decrease meeting time significantly.
- ◇ Explore each situation or problem carefully.
- ◇ Generate alternatives that go beyond obvious solutions.
- ◇ Use 'Parallel Thinking' techniques as a powerful alternative to adversarial thinking.
- ◇ Bring in logical constructive positive exploration in assessment.
- ◇ Have sufficient information through effective technique.
- ◇ Give the emotion a proper place, and invite intuition and hunch in decision making.
- ◇ Limit the cautious logical negative exploration in assessment.
- ◇ Have the real creativity with the basic tools to think up creative solutions.
- ◇ Utilize Meta-cognition: the indispensable skill to effectively manage meetings.

People are seeking quality everywhere except in the most important area - the quality of thinking. We need better thinking methods in order to make full use of our available intelligence and experience.

Intelligent people are in danger of falling into the intelligence trap. That is, they use their intelligence to entrench themselves in support of one point of view. Even though you have a fantastic sport car, you may be a poor driver. Similarly those with excellent minds may use them inadequately. Thinking and driving are skills that can be taught and improved upon.



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Outline

- ◇ Escape from time-consuming adversarial thinking habits.
- ◇ Apply the Six Thinking Hats® to explore any subject, problem or opportunity.
- ◇ Use the Six Hats to break down thinking into manageable steps and avoid the confusion of trying to think about everything at once.
- ◇ Use each hat in unison with partners and in groups to generate the sharp focus and synergy of parallel thinking.
- ◇ Achieve a wide range of powerful results by varying the sequence in which the Six Hats is applied.
- ◇ Introduce the Six Thinking Hats® Method to your organisation.



The Red Hat
the emotional view



The White Hat
neutral and objective, concerned with facts and figures



The Blue Hat
cool, the color of the sky, above everything else - the organizing hat



The Black Hat
careful and cautious, the "devil's advocate" hat



The Green Hat
associated with fertile growth, creativity, and new ideas



The Yellow Hat
sunny and positive

"Today, there is a huge amount of experience using the Six Hats method. This was not the case when I first wrote the book. The method can therefore be introduced with confidence. It is no longer a matter of catching up with a powerful thinking method that has been in use for fourteen years across all ages, cultures and abilities."

Dr. Edward de Bono
Six Thinking Hats® Preface 1999.