







Six Thinking Hats (- Edward De Bono)

Coloured Hat -	Detailed Description -	Things to consider...
	The white hat is about data and information gathering. It looks at what's available now and identifies further information that might be needed to make a reasoned judgement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looks at the information and data available • What do we know/need to know? • What do we need to find out/establish? • How will we get the facts/information
	The red hat is associated with feelings, intuition and emotion. This hat allows individuals to put forward feelings without justification or prejudice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concentrates on feelings, intuition, hunches, gut instincts • What do people feel about this? • How might they react? • Understands how feelings and emotions may change
	The yellow hat promotes a positive view of things. It looks for benefits of the situation. This hat encourages a positive view, even in the critical aspects of the situation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focusses on why an idea is good, sees the positives • Logical reasons are given • Probes for value • Looks for the benefit of a situation – Symbolises brightness and optimism
	The black hat relates to caution. It is used for critical judgement of a situation. Sometimes it is easy to over-use the black hat.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signifies caution and critical thinking • Seeks to spot difficulties, problems, weaknesses and danger • Explains negatives and risks, backed up with logical reasons • Can figure why something might not work
	The green hat is for creative thinking and generating new ideas. This is your creative thinking cap!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looks at ideas, alternatives, possibilities • Solutions focused towards black hat problems • Creative thinking - looks for new perspectives/alternatives • Looks for innovative ways to solve the problem
	The blue hat is about process control. It is used for thinking about thinking. The blue hat concentrates its efforts on summaries, conclusions and decisions. Used to facilitate the whole discussion – keeps it on track	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviews milestones • Brings people into conversations • Ensures guideless are followed • Asks for summaries, conclusions and outcomes