

Innovative, Creative and Entrepreneurial Methods in Education

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Ideate
Inspired by Edward De Bono





What are the benefits of using the 6 thinking hats?

- Practical way to modify behaviour without attacking it
- Separates out thinking modes
- Separates ego from performance
- Move from one dimensional thinking to full coloured thinking
- Allows specific time for creativity

















The Six Hats



Controlling view: summarize, analyze, filter, decide.

Optimistic: positive

thinking, bring forward

advantages, so more an

attempt to justify.



Critical: focus on weak spots and risks, 'the devil's advocate', awareness of the dangers.



Informative: facts, figures, gather information without giving an interpretation



Emotional: use of intuition, judgement based more on feeling than argumentative justification.



Creative view: associative, lateral thinking, seeing new possibilities.





Using the hats

1. Which two hats do you feel most comfortable using?

2. Which two hats dominate the thinking in your team?





Blue hat



| Three disciplines | |
|-------------------|---|
| Focus | Decide on what you want to think about |
| Technique | Choose the right hat or lateral thinking tool |
| Time | Set timelimits and work within them |





Creative hit list



Focus 1

Focus 2

Focus 2





White hat



Questions:

- What do we know?
- What do we need to know?
- Where can we get this information?
- ! White Hat Other Point of View (O.P.V.) O.P.V. questions:
 - What views does this person have?
 - What information do we need from them?
 - How could we get this missing information?





Red Hat



Teachers should retire at the age of 55.





Red Hat



exhausted

confused

ecstatic

guilty

suspicious

angry

hysterical

frustrated

sad

confident

depressed

happy

misschievous

disgusted

frightened

enraged

ashamed

cautious

smug

concerned

overwhelmed

hopeful

lonely

lovestruck

jealous

bored

surprised

anxious

shocked

shy





Yellow Hat



Schools should make provisions so that every child is taught in its mother tongue (for at least a few hours a week).





Black Hat



All teachers should follow courses in creative thinking techniques.





Green Hat



How can we overcome the black hat concerns?





Sequencing the hats -process improvement

Focus: This IP – our process



1'



2′



30′′



3′



3′



3′



2



Problem solving sequence



















Instruction

- In your group: design a hat sequence to evaluate your ideas (group work)
- Set time limits to each hat
- Decide who will do the blue hat thinking
- Try out!

















Thank you for your cooperation!

Based on:

Edward de Bono (2012) Six Thinking Hats. Tools for parallel thinking.

Clive: De Bono Thinking Systems.