

ACTIVITIES AND TOOLS THAT CAN BE USED IN

GROUP WORK

OPENING A DISCUSSION

- List available resources
- State different perceptions of what the real problem is
- Brainstorm ideas - all ideas are encouraged and accepted
- Legitimize - show an understanding of how others see the problem
- Kickstart with an example
- Ask each individual for a possible solution

- Evaluate solutions using some criteria
- Make sure solutions address the issues
- Rank ideas in order of priority
- Categorize solutions
- Separate solutions based on "pros/cons"
- Look for redundant and overlapping ideas
- Force field analysis (what ideas give support to solving the problem? Which ones prevent reaching a solution?)

NARROWING DOWN THE SOLUTIONS

CLOSING THE DISCUSSION

- Majority voting
- Consensus
- Build up/eliminate (add or subtract from different options to arrive at a new option that everyone can support)
- Combine ideas (avoid either/or decisions)

